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Reaching. Heroic heights

▶ New York Knicks guard Jeremy Lin, right, celebrates with teammate Jared Jeffries after his game-winning three-pointer in the final second of NBA action against the Toronto Raptors at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday. The 23-year-old finished with 27 points and a career-high 11 assists in a thrilling game. The Knicks won 90-87. See story, page 43.

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A truly Lin-sane ending

Pickering dungeon suspect arrested

- 'Confinement room' discovered last year
- Oshawa man, 44, is not charged with arson

LIAM CASEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ The 136-year-old farmhouse at 140 Concession Rd. 7.

COURTESY CBC

▶ Inside the dungeon room at now-burned Pickering property.

An Oshawa man was arrested Monday in connection with a mysterious dungeon discovered in an abandoned Pickering farmhouse late last year.

Durham Region police charged Robert Edwin White, 44, with breaking and entering with intent. Police said they believe White constructed, and intended to use, the so-called confinement room for criminal activity.

Police refused to elaborate, but said there is no proof the room had ever been used to confine someone.

Det. Andy Bussanich said the investigation is ongoing.

Since federal inspectors unearthed the room in late November, the property has been the source of much speculation among area residents and officials. Coun. Peter Rodrigues wondered in December if the room was part of a movie set or teenage prank.

But police suggested the room would serve more nefarious purposes. It was secured by a heavy door with several locks, designed to trap someone inside.

The federal government had planned to raze the 136-year-old farmhouse to clear space for the proposed Pickering airport. A building inspector discovered the room — replete with steel-link chains hanging from the ceiling, a white bench and four large water jugs — and immediately notified police.

Pickering City Council had managed to save the house from demolition, but on Jan. 6 the house burned to the ground in a suspicious blaze. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Head of RIDE program suspended

A police traffic supervisor, who has been a champion of Toronto's RIDE program, was suspended with pay after fellow workers reported they smelled alcohol on his breath and that he appeared to be impaired last Friday morning at work.

Toronto Police Services Board chairman Alok Mukherjee confirmed that Supt. Earl Witty, a respected police veteran of almost 38 years, is being investigated for his behaviour Friday and how he arrived for work and in what condition.

Witty, who supervised Toronto's Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere campaigns, will be put on administrative assignment at his current level of pay while the professional standards unit investigates.

Witty's supervisor, who arrived at the scene from police headquarters Friday, made the decision to levy the suspension, which will carry on until the investigation is complete.

Although the allegations are serious, the chairman of the police board noted that there is a key distinction in that the allegations surfaced at work and not behind the wheel.

Attempts to reach Witty for comment were not successful. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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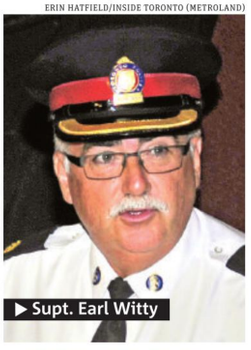

▶ Supt. Earl Witty

Eyes on the streetcars

Toronto police are riding the rocket to catch texting drivers

$155
Drivers caught using their cellphones without a hands-free device will be issued a ticket for $155.

Don't assume you can whip out that cellphone next time you stop for the 501 Queen, drivers — you never know who could be peering down from the streetcar window.

Toronto police riding TTC buses or streetcars regularly issue tickets if they spot drivers breaking the law, says Toronto police traffic services Const. Hugh Smith. They simply hop off, issue the ticket, and get on the next TTC vehicle.

It's just one way Toronto police are nabbing drivers using hand-held devices, especially during the force's "Don't Drive Distracted" campaign. The one-week traffic safety initiative, which began Monday and runs until Sunday, is intended to remind drivers of the law against using hand-held devices in the car.

But contrary to a previous media report, police using the "view from above" offered by the bus or streetcar to view criminal activity is nothing new. In fact, Toronto police have a dedicated transit unit, an 80-officer division charged with patrolling TTC buses, streetcars and subways.

These officers regularly issue tickets for illegal conduct including distracted driving, said Sgt. Deborah Sova with the transit patrol unit.

Sova said it's just like any other officer patrolling in a car, bike, on foot or horse: they issue tickets if they see someone breaking the law, no matter where they are.

Ontario's distracted-driving laws came into effect in October 2009, prohibiting the use of cellphones in cars except when used with a hands-free device, such as an earpiece or a headset connected to the vehicle's sound system. Exceptions are made if drivers are calling 911, if they are parked, or if they have pulled over on the side of the road. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ Toronto police say catching criminals through the "view from above" on a streetcar is nothing new.

Drug charges for Canadians in Dominican: Report

A Dominican news agency reports three Canadian women were arrested at an airport in the Dominican prior to a flight to Toronto, allegedly carrying 18 kilograms of what is believed to be cocaine in capsules.

According to the Dominican Today website, the women allegedly had 1,382 capsules taped to their bodies when arrested Tuesday. The report, citing a spokesman for the country's National Drugs Control Agency, said the women went there several times this year. **METRO**

TTC riders get public apology

The TTC's new chief operating officer took to the public-address system during the afternoon rush on Monday to apologize for delays that day. Andy Byford, a Londoner, recorded the public apology after numerous train delays between about 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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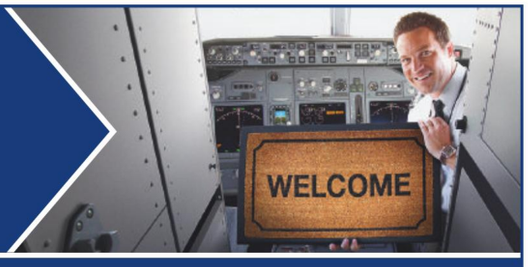

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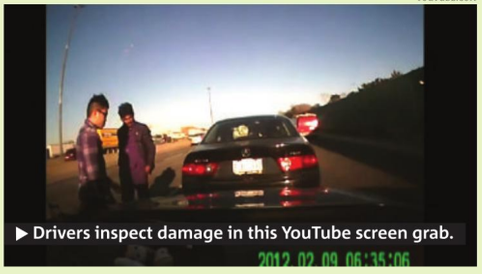

▶ Drivers inspect damage in this YouTube screen grab.

FENDER-BENDER FALLOUT TURNS NASTY

At one time, angry fender-bender victims who wanted to allege the other guy was a crook were limited to an audience of family and friends.

But as two GTA motorists are finding out, all it takes in 2012 to transform a minor car collision into a reputation-ruining debacle is a dashboard camera and YouTube.

Last Thursday, Ajax's Raguruban Yogarajah and Mississauga's Herman Sham were involved in a fender-bender on the 401. Neither dispute that while they were stopped a metre apart in rush-hour traffic, Yogarajah's black Honda rolled backward and bumped Sham's Subaru.

Sham alleged Yogarajah was trying to scam him, and 130,000 YouTube viewers largely agree.

But Yogarajah says it was a genuine mistake. He's worried for his family's safety since venomous — and often racist — commenters started posting his personal information online.

Sham, 24, captured Thursday's fender-bender on a $40 dashboard camera. The next day, he uploaded the footage to YouTube.

Yogarajah, 26, says his car is a manual and it probably rolled backward when he distractedly took his foot off the brake in neutral. He doesn't deny he is at fault for the collision.

Sham says he wasn't trying to ruin Yogarajah's reputation. He only wanted other drivers to be aware that dashboard cameras can be useful for insurance purposes.

He says he believes now that Yogarajah may have accidentally put the car in neutral.

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Specialty schools slated for fall debut

Public-school experiment believed to be first of its kind in Ontario

There hasn't exactly been a crescendo of demand, but enough students have applied to Toronto's unusual new specialty schools — especially the two singing academies — that board officials say they all will open this fall.

Of the 165 students who have applied so far, 20 per cent go to schools that aren't part of the Toronto District School Board — likely Catholic or private — which means this boutique-style public-school experiment with all-boy, all-girl sports and vocal elementary schools is succeeding in boosting enrolment in a board that sorely needs it.

"We're doing more than just shuffling the deck (between TDSB schools); there's a positive buzz from outside the board and we have enough students already for each new school to open with at least one class," said director Chris Spence, whose board has been losing 4,000 students a year to declining enrolment.

With the first loose application deadline this Friday, Spence would not say how many have applied so far to each school. But the biggest draws have been the two vocal music academies slated to start with Grades 4 to 6 this fall in empty portions of Heather Heights Junior Public School in Scarborough and Ryerson Community School in downtown Toronto.

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▶ Students at Heather Heights practise in choir class Tuesday. Soon there will be a vocal academy at that school to add to its already robust musical emphasis.

9 The board approved nine specialized elementary schools for the fall, partly to offer some of the choices that can draw students to private schools, and also to engage struggling students who may have a passion for sports or music.

The school with the smallest response so far has been the all-girl "leadership academy" at Highland Heights Junior Public School in Scarborough. To principal David Williams, this could be because girls generally do so well academically, parents don't think they need a special learning environment.

"But the outside world is still not equal, and girls still often face a glass ceiling for which an all-girl school can help build confidence and leadership skills," noted Williams. He said each girl in the grades 4-6 program will be assigned a mentor.

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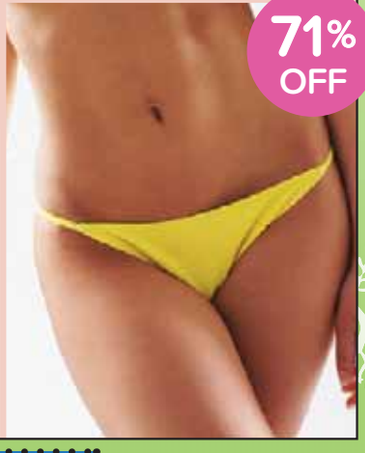

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STANLEY CUP RIOT

Rioter awaits sentence

A young man who took part in the Stanley Cup riot should spend up to 18 months in jail, the Crown said on Tuesday, arguing that all of the rioters are guilty of robbing Vancouver residents of their sense of security.

Ryan Dickinson, 20, is the first person to plead guilty for joining in on the mayhem last June. He admitted to trashing an unmarked police vehicle in downtown Vancouver and tossing a mannequin and a newspaper box at a clothing-store window.

Crown counsel Patti Tomasson said Dickinson was part of a larger mob that terrorized the city, destroyed property, assaulted civilians and police officers and traumatized workers.

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Internet bill pits police against privacy: NDP

Legislation that would give police and spies easier access to information about Internet users threatens to turn Canada into a surveillance society, the NDP says.

New Democrat MP Charlie Angus says the bill tabled Tuesday by Public Safety Minister Vic Toews would give police a licence to go on fishing expeditions. Privacy commissioners across the country have publicly expressed similar concerns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I say to Vic Toews: 'Stop hiding behind the bogeyman. Stop using the bogeyman to attack the basic rights of Canadian citizens.'"
NDP MP CHARLIE ANGUS

Trudeau goes backtracking

Justin Trudeau used Valentine's Day to proclaim his undying love for Canada, two days after telling an interviewer that there are conditions under which he might support Quebec separation. "I live this country in my bones, every breath I take," the Montreal Liberal MP said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier hints at pay freeze

Public-sector executives ought to "lead by example" when it comes to their high salaries, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Tuesday. He suggested the spring budget may demand a wage freeze as the Liberals struggle to eliminate the deficit by 2017-18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McGuinty backs mandatory minimum sentences

Ontario judge stuck down gun sentence Appeal likely: Experts

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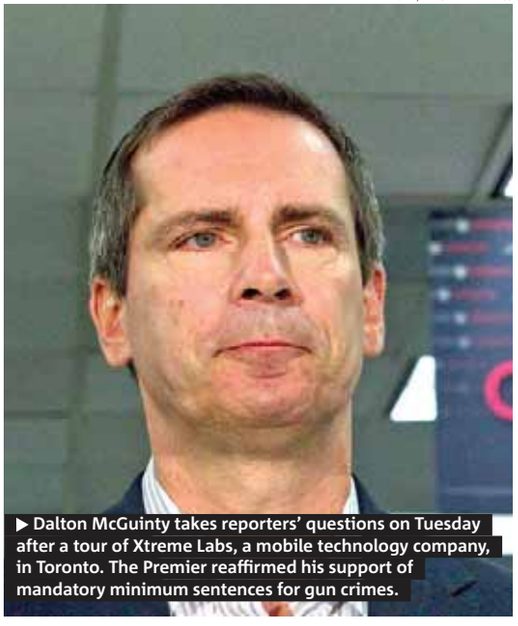

▶ Dalton McGuinty takes reporters' questions on Tuesday after a tour of Xtreme Labs, a mobile technology company, in Toronto. The Premier reaffirmed his support of mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes.

Premier Dalton McGuinty was quick to react after an Ontario Superior Court judge delivered a scathing broadside this week to mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes.

Judge Anne Molloy ruled Monday that sending first-time offender Leon Smickle to prison for three years for possessing a loaded, illegal gun is "cruel and unusual punishment."

McGuinty on Tuesday reiterated his support for mandatory minimums for all gun offences.

"The message that we're sending to all Ontarians is that we treat gun crimes very seriously here," he said.

The Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General has not yet said whether it will appeal the decision, but in a tweet McGuinty noted that the province is backing a mandatory sentence in another case at the appeal level.

With a whole new group of mandatory minimum drug and sex sentences awaiting passage by the Conservative-dominated Senate under the federal government's omnibus crime bill, the legal and constitutional battle may be just beginning.

Toronto lawyer Paul Calarco, a spokesman for the Canadian Bar Association, said Molloy's ruling, while not binding on other courts at this point, is significant, and almost certain to be appealed. "I have no doubt it will wind up before the Supreme Court of Canada," he said.

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'Severe penalties'

- **McGuinty's chief of staff** pointed to a letter the premier wrote to federal party leaders in 2005, days after a teenage girl was killed in a Boxing Day shootout in Toronto.
- **"Only severe penalties can** clearly convey the gravity of gun-related crimes and our society's intolerance for them," McGuinty wrote on Dec. 29, 2005.
- **He called for Parliament to** amend the Criminal Code to ban handguns and increase mandatory minimum sentences for all gun crimes.
- **In 2008, the minimum** sentence for possession of a loaded restricted firearm was raised from one year to three.

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▶ The pot ban has a huge social cost, former B.C. attorneys general say.

Legalize pot, former AGs say

Four former B.C. attorneys general are calling for the legalization of marijuana, saying the ban is only fuelling gang violence and clogging the courts.

Colin Gabelmann, Ujjal Dosanjh, Graeme Bowbrick and Geoff Plant have written to Premier Christy Clark and NDP leader Adrian Dix encouraging them to work to overturn the prohibition of marijuana.

They say the ban results in massive profits for organized crime, widespread gang violence and escalating costs to taxpayers. A better approach would be for governments to regulate and tax its sale, they say.

Clark refused to take a side, saying it was up to Ottawa to change the law.

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News in brief

Bangkok blasts wound attacker, others

An Iranian man carrying grenades blew off his own legs and wounded four civilians Tuesday after an earlier blast shook his house in Bangkok, Thai authorities said. The explosions came a day after an Israeli diplomatic car was bombed in India — an attack Israel blamed on Iran. Authorities say it's unclear whether the Bangkok explosions were linked to the New Delhi attack.
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Bangladesh couple jumps to death together

Police say two teenagers jumped to their death from a mobile phone tower in Bangladesh after the girl was forced to marry another man. A police officer said the boy called his brother and said the two were dying on Valentine's Day to stay together forever. The teens tied their hands with a scarf before committing suicide Tuesday.
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Canada to set up base in Germany

Canada has secured a deal with Germany to establish a strategic European base that would support future conflicts. Over the last few years, National Defence has been quietly scouting locations in key regions of the world to set up small logistical bases and warehouses of stores that could be quickly expanded if needed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syrian ambassador blasts Canada's 'deplorable' sanctions

Canadian government maintains sanctions not hurting innocent civilians

Syria's top diplomat in Canada is striking back at Ottawa for what he says are "deplorable" sanctions imposed by the Harper government that he insists are harming innocent civilians in his country.

Bashar Akbik, Syria's charge d'affairs, levelled that accusation in an interview with The Canadian Press during which he steadfastly denied that the regime of President Bashar Assad is responsible for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians in a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent.

Akbik blamed terrorists and criminals for the violence in his country. He said a Western-led "conspiracy" — with Saudi Arabia's collusion — is trying to overthrow his government and that conspiracy is responsible for the carnage that the United Nations says has left more than 5,400 dead.

"Hollywood"-style videos on the Internet that have fabricated scenes of government forces killing innocent civilians are part and parcel of the international plot, he said.

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▶ Civilians flee from fighting after army tanks enter the northwestern city of Idlib, Syria, Tuesday.

"Canada is helping to worsen the life of the Syrian citizens and the sanctions will bring no result."
BASHAR AKBIK, SYRIA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRS

Akbik's denial came within hours of United Nations human rights chief, Navi Pillay, telling the General Assembly that Assad's regime has likely committed crimes against humanity.

Canada has imposed five rounds of sanctions on Syria and has repeatedly said Assad must leave power. The government has also maintained that sanctions are helping to destabilize the Assad regime.
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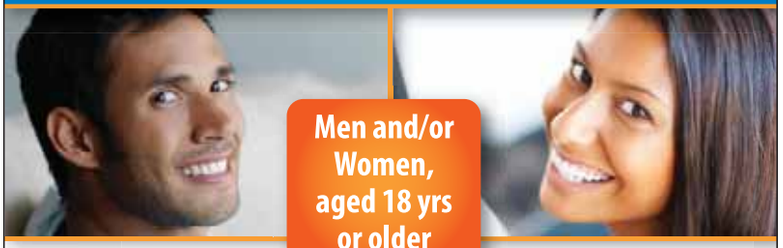

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Amanda Knox's aquittal challenged

Italian prosecutors ask the top criminal court to reinstate American woman's murder conviction

Italian prosecutors asked the country's highest criminal court on Tuesday to reinstate the murder convictions of American Amanda Knox and her former boyfriend in the brutal slaying of a British student. Perugia prosecutors filed the 112-page appeal, more than four months after an appeals court threw out the convictions against Knox, 24, and Raffaele Sollecito, 27.

Prosecutors Giovanni Galati said he is "very convinced" that Sollecito and Knox were responsible for the Nov. 1, 2007, stabbing death of Meredith Kercher, a 21-year-old British student who shared an apartment with Knox in the university town of Perugia.

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▶ Amanda Knox

Galati told reporters in Perugia that the appeals sentence must be thrown out, saying it was full of "ommissions and many errors," the news agency ANSA reported.

The prosecutors appeal, which was expected, marks the third and final stage in the criminal case against Knox and Sollecito.

A statement released by the Knox family spokesman Tuesday said the appeals trial clearly established Knox's innocence. It called the latest appeal "simply another example of harassment by the prosecution against Amanda."

Knox and Sollecito were found guilty in a lower court of slaying Kercher in what prosecutors described as a sex-fueled attack, and sentenced to 26 years and 25 years respectively. An appeals court then said the evidence did not hold up, freeing Knox to return home to the United States after serving four years in prison. Sollecito lives in Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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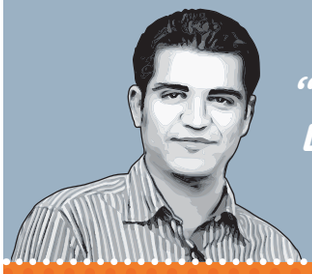

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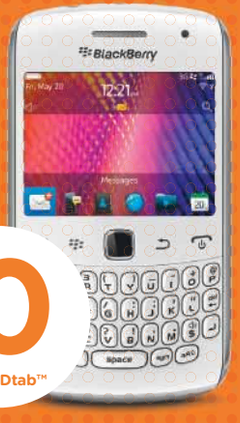

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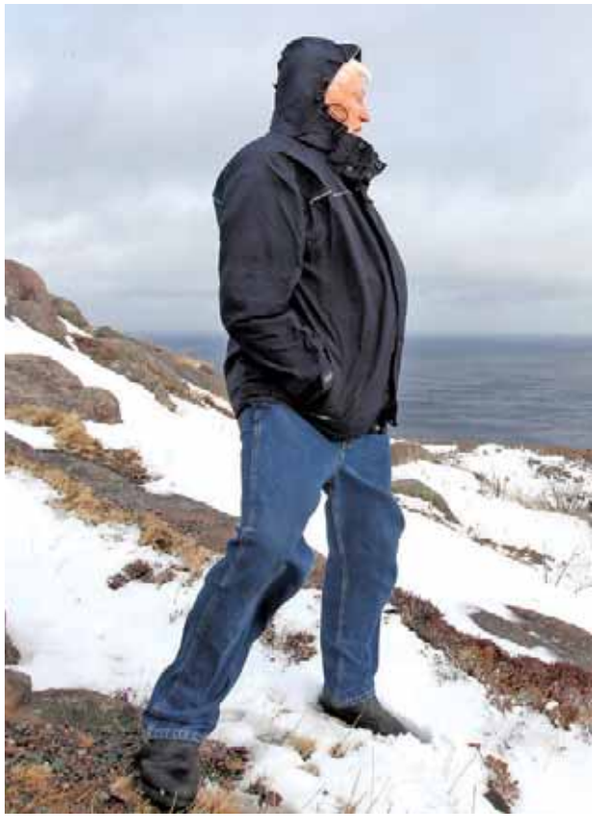
Remembering the flight he never took

30 years ago yesterday, Ray Hawco gave up his seat on a chopper bound for the Ocean Ranger drilling rig A day later, the entire 84-man crew was gone



Ray Hawco was in line on Feb. 14, 1982, to board what turned out to be the last chopper headed for the doomed Ocean Ranger drilling rig off Newfoundland.

Seventeen passengers waited for 16 seats that day, he said on the eve of today's 30th anniversary of Canada's worst offshore oil disaster.

The loss of the entire 84-man crew in a fierce overnight storm sent Newfoundland into a state of shock and grief that was felt across Canada, the southern U.S. and as far away as England.

Husbands, fathers and sons never came home.

At the airport on the morning before the Ocean Ranger went down, Hawco said the foreman of a three-man welding team was eager to get to the massive rig about 300 kilometres east of St. John's.

"He was quite insistent that if all three of them couldn't go, then none of them were going to go."

In what he thought was a kind gesture, Hawco gave up his seat for the welders and planned to take a later flight.

"It was the last trip out," said the former public-relations director for the provincial petroleum directorate.

"The contingency plan never anticipated that there would be such a thing as a total loss of everybody onboard."

RAY HAWCO

That twist of fate "was a source of torment" that Hawco says he still thinks about.

He wondered that night what it was like on the rig as a ferocious blizzard with hurricane-force winds whipped up waves the size of five-storey buildings.

Of the 84 crew who died, 69 were Canadians including 56 Newfoundlanders. Other victims hailed from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and England.

At about 5 a.m. that day, Hawco got a call from his boss. He was soon at the petroleum directorate in St. John's to co-ordinate a grim response.

"We knew the rig was gone," he said. Hope for survivors soon faded as people struggled to comprehend that the Ocean Ranger, hyped as a marvel of modern engineering, had failed.

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▶ Ray Hawco stands on Signal Hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in St. John's last Friday.

How did it go wrong?

A royal commission report would later blame a chain of events that sunk the Ocean Ranger. A rush of sea water through a glass portlight at about 7:45 that night soaked an electrical panel, shorting out controls for ballast gauges and pumps.

When power was restored hours later, damaged switches opened the wrong ballast valves, affecting balance. Poorly trained workers didn't help a swiftly deteriorating situation as the rig suddenly began to tilt.

A call for help was issued just after 1 a.m. on Feb. 15, 1982. The last communication from the Ocean Ranger at 1:30 a.m. said crew were going to lifeboat stations.

There were no survival suits on the rig — regulations didn't require them — and access to lifeboats was inadequate, the report found. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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I lacked willpower

"I stopped by my health food store one day to get some help. The storeowner was not surprised about my problems with sugar. He explained that when we eat simple sugars, our blood sugar can fluctuate too much and that can create more hunger and the accommodating weight gain.

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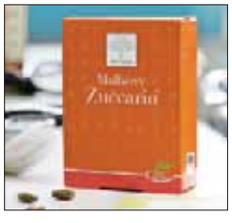

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Sperm-donor appeal heard

B.C. arguing that the information of donors should stay protected

Adoption laws don't apply to people who were born using donated sperm or eggs and want to learn the identity of a biological parent, says a British Columbia government lawyer attempting to overturn a judge's decision.

Leah Greathead told the Appeal Court of B.C. on Tuesday that a lower court erred in a ruling that favoured a woman who was conceived in 1982 at a Vancouver fertility clinic with the help of a sperm donor.

Olivia Pratten sued the province last year because records pertaining to egg and sperm donors can be legally destroyed after six years, meaning people like her don't have the same rights as adopted children to learn about their biological fathers.

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Anonymity

- Olivia Pratten says that if the government is concerned that the number of egg and sperm donors will drop if donor anonymity is no longer permitted, that hasn't happened elsewhere, including in the United Kingdom, Australia and Sweden.

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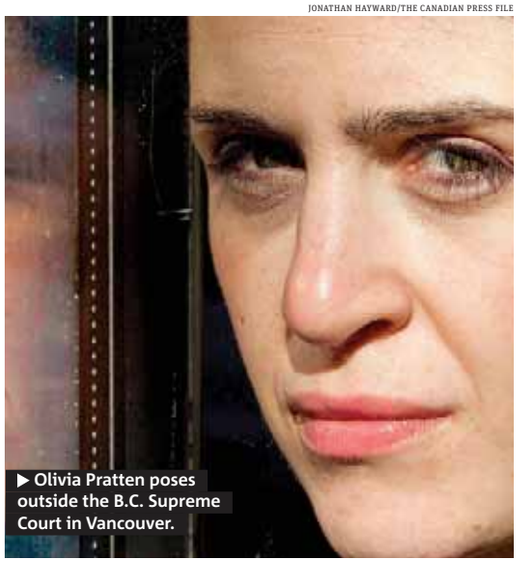

▶ Olivia Pratten poses outside the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver.

Long. Kiss

▶ Laksana Tiranara, left, sips an energy drink while kissing her husband, Akechai Tiranarat, during the World's Longest Continuous Kiss Competition Tuesday in Pattaya, southeastern Thailand.

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Might want to pop a breath mint

The World's Longest Continuous Kiss Competition was held in an attempt to break the Guinness world record and to celebrate Valentine's Day.

U.S. bishop pledges court fight over birth control

The top U.S. Catholic bishop vowed legislative and court challenges Tuesday to a compromise by President Barack Obama to his health-care mandate that now exempts religiously affiliated institutions from paying directly for birth control for their workers, instead making insurance companies responsible.

Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, who heads the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in an interview with The Associated Press that he trusted Obama wasn't anti-religious and intended to make good on his pledge to work with religious groups to fine-tune the mandate.

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‘A perfect romance’

Handwritten love letters of poets Barrett, Browning go online thanks to school’s digitization project

“I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett ...”

So begins the first love letter to 19th century poet Elizabeth Barrett from her future husband, fellow poet Robert Browning.

Their 573 love letters, which capture their courtship, their blossoming love and their forbidden marriage, have long fascinated scholars and poetry fans. Though transcriptions of their correspondence have been published in the past, the handwritten letters could only be seen at Wellesley College, where the collection has been kept since 1930.

“If you want a perfect romance, just read the letters.”
RUTH ROGERS, WELLESLEY COLLEGE

But now their famous love letters will become available online, where readers can see them just as they were written.

Wellesley administrators hope the project will expose students, romantics, poetry lovers and others to their love story.

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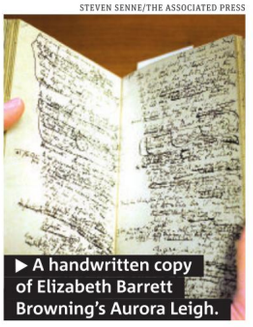

▶ A handwritten copy of Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s Aurora Leigh.

▶ Kate Middleton tries a smoothie called the Duchess, made of bananas, almonds, honey, milk and cream, at The Brink in Liverpool, England, on Tuesday.

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Royal Valentine’s treat

The Duchess of Cambridge was visiting The Brink as Patron of Action on Addiction. The Brink is an alcohol-free bar in Liverpool, linked to Action on Addiction’s SHARP recovery service in the city. The bar is a social enterprise run primarily to help people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.

Jolie hopes moviegoers get message

Angelina Jolie says she hopes her directorial debut, In the Land of Blood and Honey, can serve as a “wakeup call” for the international community to pay more attention to atrocities.

Jolie arrived in Sarajevo with partner Brad Pitt to attend the premiere of her film, which already has been released in the U.S.

▶ Angelina Jolie

The film tells the fictional tale of a romance between a Bosnian Serb man and a Bosnian Muslim woman, and what happens when he becomes an army officer and she is held in a military prison camp where rape occurs.

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'Business as usual' for Air Canada

Union says 97 per cent of 3,000 pilots voted in favour of strike Airline could legally lock out pilots

Travellers flying Air Canada can keep booking their flights as negotiations continue with a new federally-appointed mediator to help resolve an ongoing contract dispute between the airline and its pilots.

"It is business as usual," the Montreal carrier's spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email Tuesday. "Customers can continue to make their travel plans and book in confidence."

Talks are continuing and "we are confident that a disruption will be avoided," Fitzpatrick said.

Later Tuesday, the pilots gave their union an overwhelming mandate to call a strike if necessary to press their contract demands.

"The corporation must now recognize the resolve of Air Canada pilots and come to the bargaining table with a renewed commitment to negotiations in good faith," said Capt. Paul Strachan, president of the Air Canada Pilots Association.

Air Canada is already in a legal position to impose new contract terms or lock out the workers. The measures give either side 72 hours to serve notice of its intention to impose a work stoppage.

Both sides have said they will not use those options while talks continue.

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▶ Labour Minister Lisa Raitt stands in the House of Commons during Question Period on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, Tuesday.

Intervention

- **The federal government** has pressured both sides to avoid disruptions in air travel, saying a strike or lockout would harm the economy and Canadians.
- **Federal Labour Minister** Lisa Raitt intervened in the pilot's dispute, initiating a six-month mediation process.
- **The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service** was unable to bring the two sides together.
- **Section 105 of the Canada Labour Code** grants the minister the right to appoint mediators to confer with parties.

Air Canada has had difficult labour relations in recent years as the company tried to control costs in order to cope with rising fuel bills and the impact of a sluggish North American economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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iPad — whose name is it anyway?

A Chinese company said Tuesday it will ask customs officials to ban imports and exports of Apple's iPads due to a dispute over ownership of the trademark.

All of Apple's iPads are manufactured in China, meaning global sales of the tablet computers might be affected if authorities agreed to enforce a request by Shenzhen Proview Technology.

Proview won a court ruling that it owns the iPad name in China, resulting in authorities' seizing iPads from retailers in one city. It wants enforcement in another 30 cities

Apple defended its ownership of the iPad name.

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Peak. Protest

▶ Environmentalists brave a cold rain to gather at the 7th annual I Love Mountains Rally on Tuesday at the Capitol in Frankfort, Ky.

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Ain't no mountaintop high enough

A protest against mountaintop mining removal for coal is held every year on Valentines Day.

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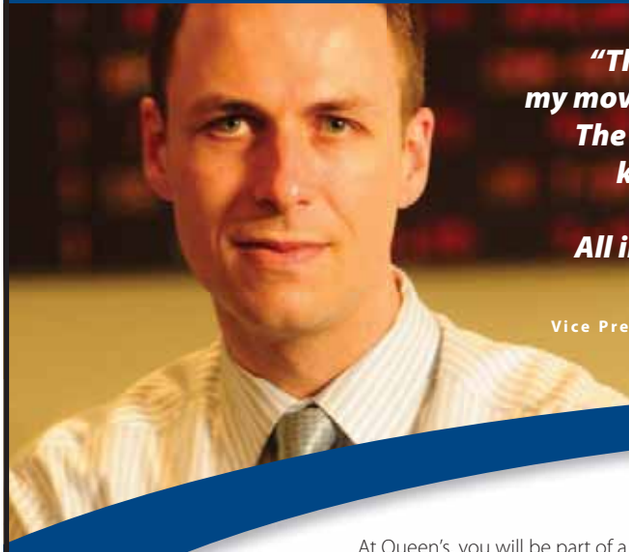

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Nortel hacked for a decade: Report

- Executive's passwords, including CEO's, accessed
- No evidence culprits based in China: Embassy

International hackers had "widespread access" to the corporate computer operations of former technology giant Nortel Networks for nearly a decade, according to a report.

The Wall Street Journal said Tuesday that seven passwords used by executives of the company — including its CEO — wound up in the hands of cyberspies that were likely based in China.

The report was linked to an interview with 19-year Nortel veteran Brian Shields, who was behind a six-month investigation into the security breach that is believed to have started in 2000.

Shields told the Journal that hackers had "plenty of time" and "access to everything," including research and development reports, as well as the company's future plans for the business.

Nortel did not disclose the security breach to its potential buyers, nor did the company address the problem until its assets were already for sale, according to the Journal report. The company filed for bankruptcy protection in 2009 and sold off its assets in pieces to various international competitors of the technology industry.

China's Washington embassy said there is no evidence presented with the allegations, which means it shouldn't be assumed they came from within the country. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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WEDDING BELLS KEEP THE BEAT

JUST SAYIN' ...

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February may be miserable for some of us, but for those crazy Valentines planning their June wedding it's a glorious time.

In my 20 years as a DJ, I have worked more weddings than Kim Kardashian will ever have, and I'm shocked at how many lose sight of the most important ingredient: The music!

How many of you have seen the reality show Musical Weddings? No? That's because there isn't one. And yet there are countless shows about dresses and shoes and chocolate fountains. The industry will have you believe that these things are critical, when we all know that at the very heart of it all is the music. No one will even see your shoes.

On the night of the northeast blackout in 2003, I was doing a wedding. The bridal party was dressed and ready, but there was no electricity. The venue had a generator, which would provide four hours of music if we used nothing else. No flashing lights. No video. No uncle Saul belting out his karaoke rendition of My Way. Just a welcome speech, some drinking and everyone dancing until just past midnight ... on a Thursday.

"Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together ..."

I used to get calls from brides who had paid $2,000 for a dress and $750 for a cake but expected to spend $500 on a DJ because that's how much their cousins paid ... in 1983.

A wedding reception is meant to be a moment of celebration between loved ones. It's not an opportunity to hog the spotlight in front of a captive audience.

If your DJ is energetic, knows his music and observes the crowd, he'll have her aunt Myrna from Flin Flon doing the Cha Cha Slide with his uncle Surjeet from Bombay before the night is done.

Can your cake do that?

No one wants to hear lengthy speeches about your days at summer camp, or watch a 15-minute slide show of your relationship set to the music of Celine Dion.

They want to party, and if you don't think there's a difference between a good DJ and a guy who's there because he knows how to press "play," then you might as well stock the bar with Shirley Temples and virgin daiquiris.

Magazines and wedding planners will tell you that food and decor (and wedding planners) are the most important elements of your affair, but then so will the guy that carves the fruit into animal shapes.

Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together, dancing to '90s music without so much as a glance at the ice sculptures or gold-painted human statues.

Yes, ladies, it is your night, but it's meant to be enjoyed with your loved ones, so feed them, keep them lubricated and hire a DJ or band that rocks. You may actually create a memory that you and your friends will want to relive when that video you paid so much for, is done.

Just sayin'.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat

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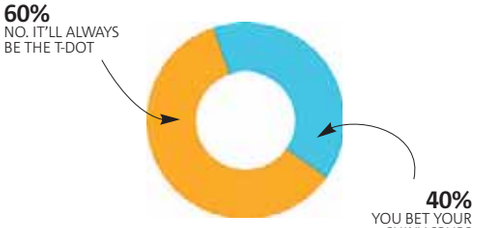
Is the West the new centre of the (Canadian) universe?



Local tweets

@imCELINE_: Carly Rae Jepsen got signed to Justin Beiber's label!? :O #speechless #imSoProud :') she's an amazing singer who will go FAR with her music

@arshia_tabrizi: Who knows maybe silent majority of 66.67% who voted against Harper would follow Justin Trudeau to a separate Quebec ;-)

@BeccaLemire: Something I think worth mentioning to attendees-events that say 'sold out' online have been 1/4 empty-so if u like something, go! #SMWTO

@MisterRubin: Hey #Canada! Spend a little less time slinging mud at Americans and pay attn to a very dangerous convo happening Ottawa

@jofedele: RT @acoyne: Let's just be very clear exactly what it is that makes Justin Trudeau's recent statements so idiotic.

@jgresley: Rick mercer, WARNING SHOTS! #cdnpoli

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Surfing the rocks

Rock only seen by chosen few

ARIZONA. British photographer Simon Byrne is on the crest of a wave of success after becoming one of the lucky few to learn the secret location of this stunning sandstone formation. The 31-year-old needed a special permit before he was given "rough guidelines" to find The Wave in a remote spot in Arizona. MWN

60 seconds

What were your first thoughts after you found The Wave?
Spectacular. One minute you're hiking across the desert, and suddenly you're there. I was amazed how perfectly formed and preserved this sandstone phenomenon is. Every inch you move changes the whole dynamic of the scene, meaning you can explore The Wave for hours.

You're among the lucky few to actually find The Wave. Why so?
Guidelines to find this were only provided to those lucky to get a permit in a lottery.

What do you love about this photograph?
How all the lines connect together. They seem to run around the whole structure and don't seem to have a beginning or an end. It's almost like a sea reaching a tideline. MWN

The Wave

- **Location.** Somewhere in the 112,500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, near the Arizona/Utah border.
- **Jurassic Rock.** 190-million-year-old sand dunes that turned to stone.
- **Best time to photograph The Wave?** Around midday when no shadows are cast in centre.

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Dancing with the Devil

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance is the latest film to pit Hollywood heroes against Satan

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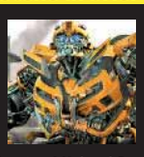
▶ In Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze is called out of hiding to stop the devil, who is trying to take human form.

Scene in brief



Director Michael Bay plans a fresh take on shape-shifting robots with the fourth installment in his Transformers franchise. Paramount Pictures announced Monday night that Bay will return to direct the next chapter in the blockbuster sci-fi series, due in theatres June 29, 2014. Bay's third movie based on the Hasbro toy line, Transformers: Dark of the Moon took in $1.1 billion worldwide.
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Uggie from The Artist named top dog at inaugural Golden Collar Awards honouring canine actors

IN FOCUS

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In this weekend's Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze, played by Nicolas Cage, joins a long line of movie characters in the ultimate fight — battling Satan! Everyone from Jack Black to Viggo Mortensen to Santa Claus has been hell bent on battling Old Scratch on the big screen.

In Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Jack Black and Kyle Glass play heavy metal musicians who must play a musical battle with Lucifer.

"The demon code prevents me from declining the rock off challenge," says Old Scratch before they engage in a metal showdown. If they win, they'll be superstars and the keepers of the magic pick made of Satan's tooth. Lose and Kyle gets a new roommate — the prince of darkness.

The Devil in Prince of Darkness takes a slightly different form than Pick of Destiny's traditional ruby-skinned imp. In this John Carpenter chiller the Devil is an alien life form trapped in an alternate world. Meanwhile, his son lives on our planet, boiled down into a vat of sinister-looking green liquid.

E-critic.com hated the movie, suggesting the advertising tagline for the movie should be: It's NEW and IMPROVED LIQUID SATAN!!!, but it has some good thrills, a moody synthesize score, a cameo by Alice Cooper and a great performance by Donald Pleasance as a priest who does battle with the Devil.

One critic called The Prophecy "Paradise Lost reimagined as a droll B horror picture."

Christopher Walken plays an angel trying to wage war against God. You might imagine that would put him in league with the Devil, but you'd be wrong. "Your war is arrogance," says Mephistopheles, who looks a lot like Viggo Mortensen, "That makes it evil. That's mine."

The movie spawned four sequels, but the original remains the best, if only to watch Mortensen deliver lines like, "While heaven may be closed I am always open, even on Christmas."

And speaking of Christmas, one of the strangest cinematic demonic battles happens in the Mexican fantasy film Santa Claus. Described as "Ho Ho Horrible!" by one critic, it's cut-rate and cheesy but has a certain kitschy charm.

Sometimes referred to as Santa Claus Conquers the Devil, this weird movie sees St Nick shoot the Devil with toy arrows. Though marketed to kids, the Mystery Science Theater 3000 folks summed it up best when they said the movie is "good old-fashioned nightmare fuel."

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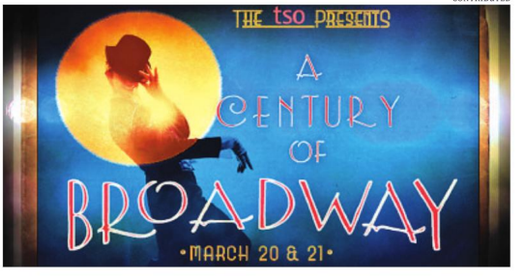

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra is bringing renowned pops maestro Jeff Tyzik to Toronto this spring to conduct their early spring pops concert which celebrates over a century of the Broadway musical.

Featuring the most memorable musical numbers from over a hundred years of The Great White Way, the TSO's A Century of Broadway includes classics from Show Boat, My Fair Lady and West Side Story.

As a conductor, Grammy-winning Tyzik is best known for his work with pop orchestras across North America. He has been celebrated for his ability to blend show-tune classics with modern-day crowd-pleasers. True to form, a Century of Broadway marries original Broadway standards with more recent hits from musicals like Les Miserables and The Phantom of the Opera. Sceneopolis subscribers can buy mezzanine level tickets to a Century of Broadway for only $35! And don't forget that DanCap's critically acclaimed version of In the Heights closes this Sunday, Feb. 19. Get your tickets to this made-in-Manhattan musical before it's too late!

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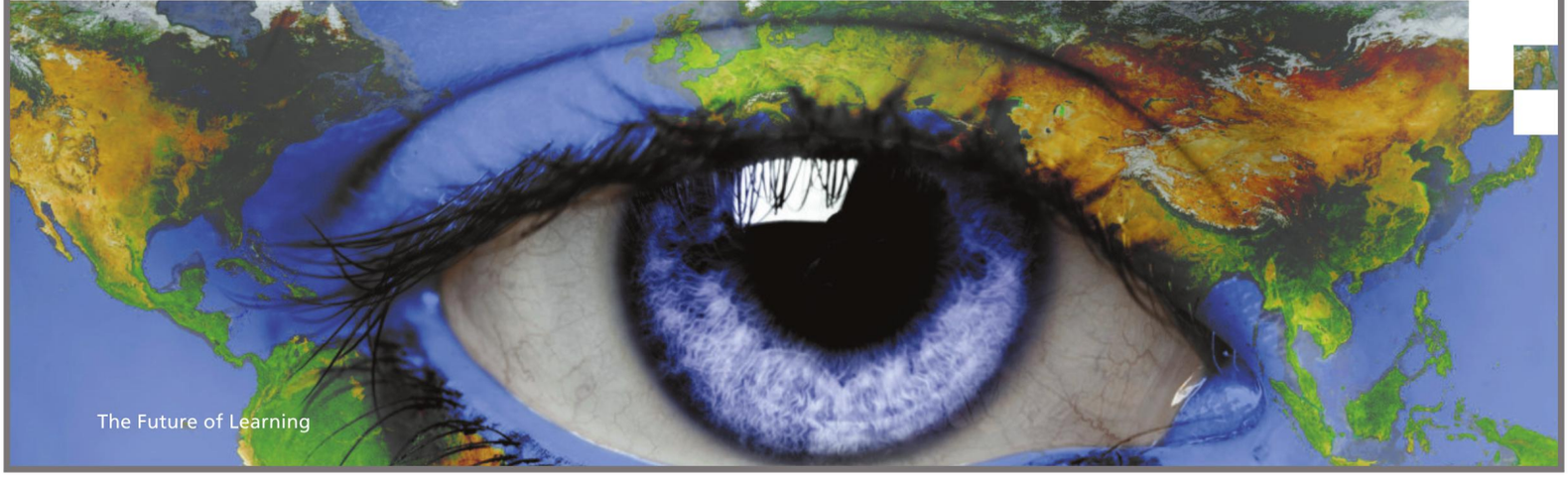

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The last man

Dizzy Reed of Guns N' Roses shows a little patience

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▶ Dizzy Reed remains thankful to Axl Rose for the chance he got to play in Guns N' Roses.

The only person who has been in Guns N' Roses longer than keyboard player Dizzy Reed is Axl Rose. Reed joined the band in the early '90s. Although he wasn't in the picture for the band's club days, Guns N' Roses is returning to these roots this week, with a series of club shows to coincide with Fashion Week. These intimate Fashion Week gigs have become a bit of a tradition for GnR, one which Reed says he finds a little baffling.

Why Fashion Week?

I don't really know the answer to that question, but I ask myself that question sometimes. It's a cool thing to be a part of it, but from my perspective it's a bit of a quintessential New York experience. And rock 'n' roll and fashion have always sort of been intertwined.

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Talks about members who have left and a reunion

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Ritz, which although it's now called Webster Hall, is where Guns N' Roses performed a classic show that ran on MTV

"I think coming into the band as I did, I just had a different perspective on it. I was pretty grateful to be called up."
DIZZY REED

for a long time.
I think that was one of the moments out here (in Los Angeles) where we all sort of realized that Guns were gonna blow up.

You talk of people coming and going. How have you stayed in the band so long?
I think coming into the band as I did, I just had a different perspective on it. I was pretty grateful to be called up to be a part of what was such a huge thing at the time, and if I ever start drifting off into any sort of place where maybe I want to do a little more for myself I just try to remind myself that I'm pretty darn lucky.

Axl gets a bad rap for the ways he has led this band, but you've worked with him for so long.
He's a great, great man. He's done a lot for me and my family and for so many other people. And people don't know that about him. And you know what? He's always got some great jokes, man.

Do you know what's going to happen with GnR's induction into the Hall in April? There are rumors of a reunion of the original lineup.
I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there.

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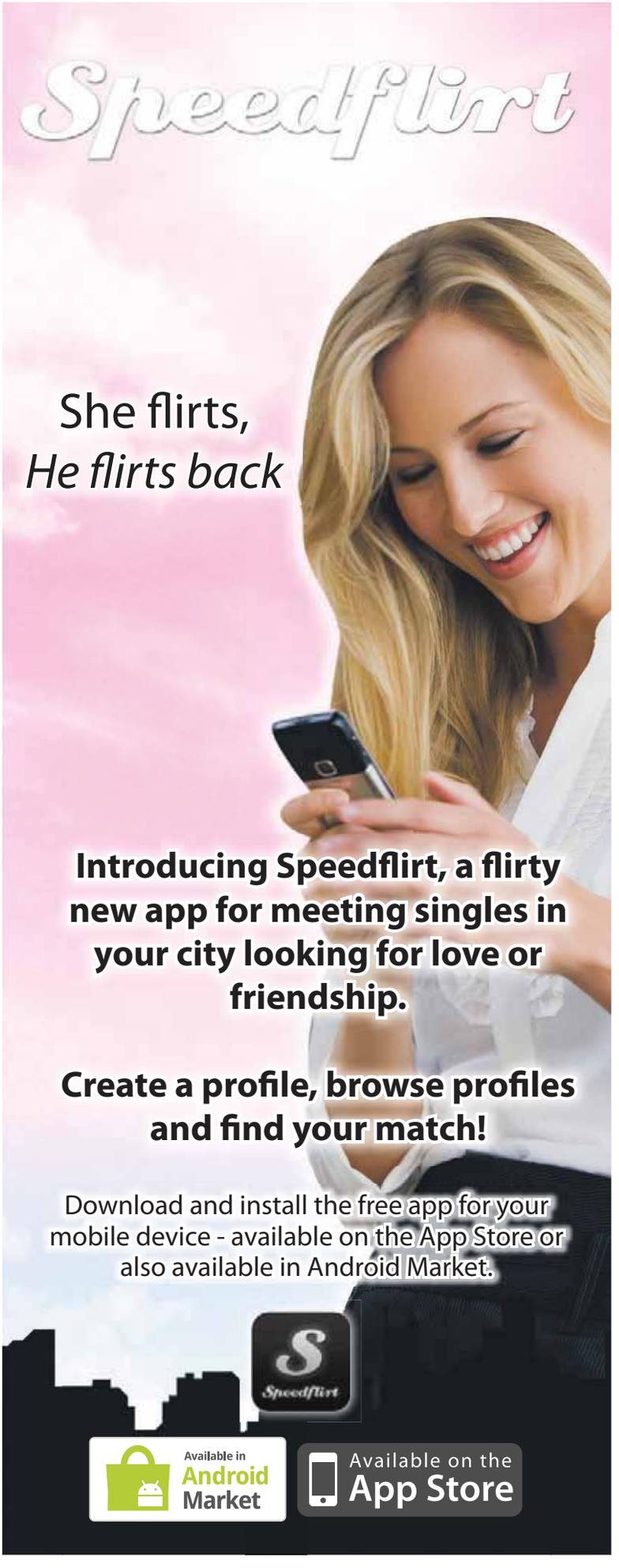

Bonnaroo lineup announced

Beach Boys, Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and Bon Iver will headline the 2012 Bonnaroo festival

The reunited Beach Boys will celebrate sunshine and summer at the 2012 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival with Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and Bon Iver.

The always eclectic four-day festival also will include Skrillex, Foster the People, The Avett Brothers, The Shins, The Roots and Alice Cooper on the 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. Bonnaroo will be held June 7-10.

The lineup has something of a ripped-from-the-headlines feel.

Several acts had notable nights at the Grammy Awards.

The reunited Beach Boys lineup of Brian Wilson, Mike Love, Al Jardine, Bruce Johnston and David Marks made their live debut at the awards, joined on stage by Foster the People.

Bon Iver won best new artist, Skrillex took home three trophies and two-time Grammy winners The Civil Wars are scheduled to play just a few weeks before singer Joy Williams' baby is due.

The Chili Peppers will play Bonnaroo as new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members.

About half of the lineup was announced Tuesday and additions will be made later.

Bonnaroo will feature about 125 music acts and 30 comedians. Tickets go on sale Saturday.

Other acts include comedian Aziz Ansari, Feist, Dispatch, the reunited Ben Folds Five and Dawes.

There's a little bit of something for everybody.

Skrillex will be leading a wave of electronic dance music acts and exotic DJs — like SBTRKT, Flying Lotus and Major Lazer.

Acoustic music fans can look forward to the Punch Brothers, Trampled by Turtles, Laura Marling, The Devil Makes Three and Sarah Jarosz. There will be a heavy dose of roots rockers, too, including Delta Spirit, the Alabama Shakes, Gary Clark Jr. and The Word featuring John Medeski, Robert Randolph and North Mississippi Allstars.

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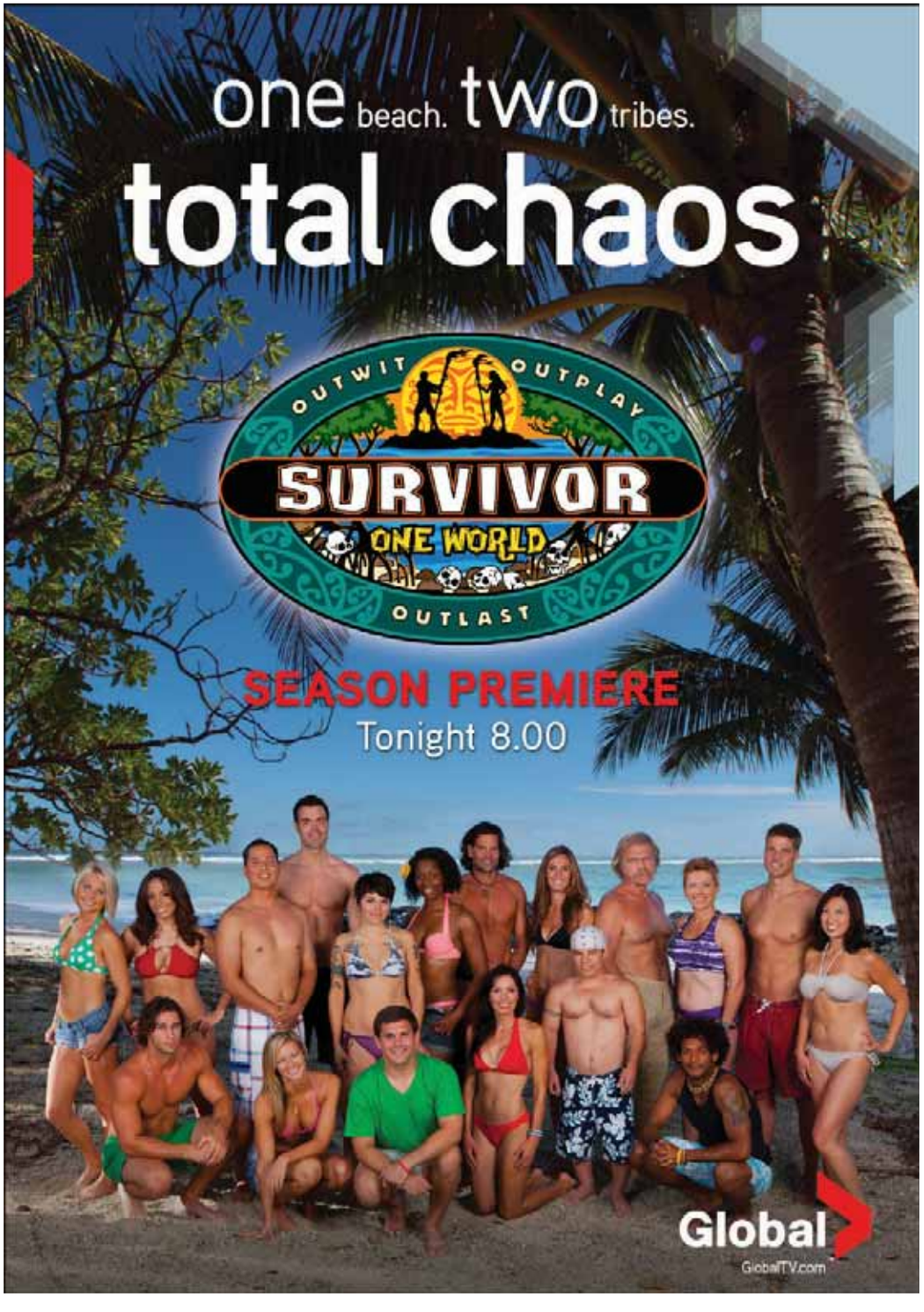

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▶ Radiohead will be one of the headline acts at Bonnaroo.

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Hip hop

A year after rap dominated the 10th anniversary of Bonnaroo with Eminem, Lil Wayne, Wiz Kalifa, Big Boi and others headlining, it remains a large part of the Bonnaroo lineup.

- **Rappers** Ludacris, Black Star, Mac Miller, Childish Gambino, Yelawolf, Danny Brown, Das Racist and others are on the schedule.
- **Soul** Neo soul fans can turn to Charles Bradley and his Extraordinaires, Darondo, Little Dragon and The Soul Rebels.

Nicki Minaj versus the Catholic Church

Star performs self-exorcism at Grammys What's not to love about that?

THE WORD

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By aiming to prove to the world that she's not just Lil' Kim reincarnated, Nicki Minaj tried to make her mark on Sunday night's Grammy Awards by performing an over-the-top — and highly panned — rendition of her single Roman Holiday.

The performance featured a self-exorcism, dancing monks and nuns, burning flames and Minaj speaking in tongues. Basically, the whole production made The Phantom of the Opera look like high art.

And now Catholics are (rightfully) angry, with the Catholic League releasing a scathing statement by president Bill Donohue, who places the blame on both Minaj and the Recording Academy, the organization that hands out the Grammys, for letting such an "offensive" performance air.

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▶ Nicki Minaj has people still talking about her average Grammy performance.

"Whether Minaj is possessed is surely an open question, but what is not in doubt is the irresponsibility of the Recording Academy," he wrote. "Never would they allow an artist to insult Judaism or Islam."

In her defence, Minaj says that the Recording Academy wanted her to do Roman Holiday.

"I could have chosen to do a no-brainer pop song, but I can't do it anymore. I have to stay true to what I am doing," she told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show yesterday.

This whole thing is so silly. First of all, doesn't the Catholic Church have a few things to worry about other than the antics of a fame-hungry pop star's misguided attempt for attention?

But I'll tell you what is incredible, dear reader: We're still talking about the usually dull Grammy Awards a full three days after it aired. That has to be some kind of record.

Houston returned to Newark

Whitney Houston's body has returned to Newark, N.J., where a funeral is expected to be held for the late pop star some time this week, according to TMZ.

Her remains were reportedly flown from Los Angeles to Newark late Monday night aboard Tyler Perry's private jet.

"Tyler Perry rushed to the L.A. hospital Saturday as soon as he heard about Whitney's death and immediately offered up his private plane to the family," a source tells the Web site.

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▶ Whitney Houston

Talking points

Lohan can't catch a break

SELLING LILO'S LIFE. Lindsay Lohan's run of bad luck apparently extends to her selection of a moving company, as the folks hired to haul her possessions away from her recently vacated Venice Beach home are reportedly now selling photos of Lohan's belongings, according to Hollyscoop.

Worse than that, the company is also said to be looking to sell information about where the actress plans to move and what storage facility she is currently using for her stuff. METRO

Aniston not keen on kids

AT PEACE WITH HER LIFE Despite all the outside focus on her romantic fortunes, Jennifer Aniston says she isn't interested in attaining the picture-perfect life.

"I think that's sort of cliché, isn't it? Like, if you want to be happy, you should have the house, the husband, the kids," Aniston tells GQ magazine. "Kids are messy!"

As for what might happen family-wise with boyfriend Justin Theroux?

"I still kind of go with. If it happens, it happens," she says. "I'm calm and peaceful with whatever the plan is. It's not something where I'm going, 'I gotta have a kid!'"

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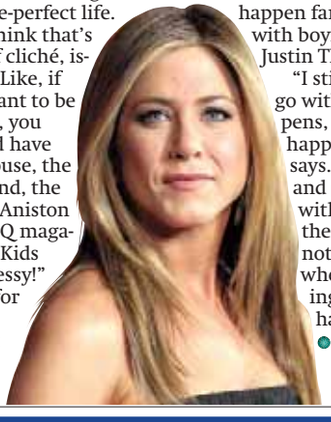

Celebrity tweets

"Hmm, I wonder if Lady Gaga ever got out of that net. #grammysleftovers"

@iamwandasykes

@AlbertBrooks

"If the Greeks shortened their names wouldn't they save a lot of money?"

@SethMacFarlane

"Watched a bit of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Don't know how science gave that many platypuses the power of speech."

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"This Means War is based on something that happened to me."

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Travel in brief

A large-scale art installation comprising 200 tents set up on the grounds of Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto is being planned to help mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Encampment, commissioned by the City of Toronto and the Luminato arts festival, will be staged each evening from June 8 to 24, serving as "a massive collective expression of art and history," say promoters.
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Ga., county buys garden of late folk artist Howard Finster that was featured in R.E.M. video

Get a taste for Halifax

Nova Scotia's capital is known for fishing, the Bluenose and Alexander Keith's brewery
But the city is also carving a name for itself as a destination for foodies

With the Atlantic ocean lapping at its front door, it's no secret a trip to Halifax pairs nicely with a side of fish and chips. But adventurous gourmets may be surprised to learn the seaside capital also offers up a smorgasbord of dining options that local foodies say rivals big city competitors.

"When you think of Halifax, seafood — no question — comes to mind as a leading commodity," says Patricia Lyall, executive director of Destination Halifax, the city's tourism marketing organization.

But with some 500 bistros, pubs, fine dining rooms, supper clubs, diners and international eateries in the sprawling municipality, Lyall says there are plenty of opportunities to push the boundaries of your palate. "You can very easily plan to dine out seven days a week and not replicate the experience."

That doesn't get much easier than in February when the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia hosts the annual Savour Food and Wine Festival.

The event was launched nine years ago to promote the province's restaurant industry during what's widely considered a slow season in the business.

The month-long pageant of dinner, drinks and desserts includes four events: a chocolate, wine and cheese showcase (it was held at the beginning of the month); a rare and fine wine tasting (Feb. 17, sold out); and Dine Around, an offering of three-course, prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants (all month). The highlight of the festival is the Savour Food and Wine Show on Feb. 23 — a one-night-only epicurean extravaganza hosted by some of Nova Scotia's most inspired chefs. Tickets for the popular event are typically sold out a week in advance.

"I think Nova Scotians have been educated; there's a lot more travel and people want to have a better quality product," says Joe McGuinness, festival chairman and co-owner of Durty Nelly's, an Irish pub located on Argyle Street. "We're now a cosmopolitan city offering a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine."

But while variety may be the spice of life, local restaurateurs say the city's affection for local products is key to its culinary appeal.

Downtown, a couple of blocks away from bustling Spring Garden Road, is Morris East. The small but stylish restaurant serves up gourmet, thin-crust pizzas and boasts what it says is the city's only real wood-fired oven. The oven came from Naples; its chef hails from Halifax.

"A lot of people are very concerned about where their food is coming from," says Lauren Marshall, who has whipped up a vegetarian dish for the Savour show that features handmade pasta, local veggies and Nova Scotia cheese.

Tucked away in the north end is Chez Tess Creperie, offering sweet and savoury crepes served with Annapolis Valley cider. On historic Barrington Street sits Chives Canadian Bistro, known for its eclectic menu that favours local food producers.

And, of course, there's no shortage of seafood — with a twist. Spots like Fid Resto on Dresden Row serve up seared Atlantic salmon with pickled plums and poutine made with fresh Nova Scotia lobster.

Lyall says it's only in recent years that Destination Halifax began considering dining out as more than a basic travel need, but as a tourism draw.

She admits being initially surprised by the diversity and expertise the city has to offer. Now, Lyall believes Halifax can "punch above its weight" and compete with any cosmopolitan city.

McGuinness agrees.

"The old perception of it being a sleepy fishing village, that's long gone."
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▶ Lauren Marshall is the head chef at Morris East, the only restaurant in Halifax with a real wood-fired oven.

If you go...

- Tickets for the Savour Food and Wine show cost $79 plus tax. For detailed information on the festival, visit savourfoodandwine.com.
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Savouring San Juan

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Pork

Every city has its celebrity chef. Cookbook author and Top Chef Masters contestant Wilo Benet is San Juan's local culinary hero. His flagship, Pikayo, in the Conrad Condado Plaza, blends Puerto Rican flavours with tastes of Africa and Eastern Europe, with surprises like Plantain Mofongo (with bacon, saffron and shrimp) and Octopus Carpaccio (see recipe, right). All in an upscale, loungey environment. wilobenet.com

Seafood

The Waterfront Restaurant is not only known for its tranquil, oceanside setting on the Pinones boardwalk, but for its excellent preparations of local fish. Try the pastelillos, savoury turnovers filled with chapin (trunkfish), the mild and meaty grilled dorado (mahi mahi) and sweet Caribbean lobster in a rich butter sauce. KM 187, Pinones, 787-791-5989

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▶ Benet at work

Plantains

Cafe Puerto Rico sits in a quaint townhouse in Old San Juan with a kitchen that excels at a local staple: plantains. They're starchy and potato-like when green and sweet when ripened. Have them here in a terrific creamy soup, as twice-fried rounds, known as tostones or mofongo, moist, mashed green plantains stuffed with pork, chicken or seafood. cafepuertorico.com

Recipe by Wilo Benet
Octopus Carpaccio

Ingredients:
- One frozen Spanish or Portuguese octopus about 6 pounds
- Salt and pepper
- Ve jus
- Olive oil
- Recao leaves (thinly sliced)
- Celery micro-greens
- Granny Smith Apple (julienne cut)

Preparation:

1. Bring a large pot of abundant water to a boil. Completely submerge the octopus in the boiling water. Return to a full boil, and cook for 30 minutes. Turn off the heat, cover with a tight-fitting lid, and set aside undisturbed for 10 minutes. Drain, and transfer the octopus to a bath of ice water to stop the cooking. Drain.

2. Slice the octopus: Using a knife or a pair of scissors, cut out and discard the head from the base of the tentacles. Separate the tentacles from the base, and set aside. Slice the base into thin pieces and set aside. Cut away and discard any gummy or fatty excesses on the tentacles. Slice the tentacles very thin and set aside.

3. Set on a square fashion approximately about 25 pieces of thinly slice octopus. Add salt and pepper to taste, drizzle some verjus on the octopus and some extra virgin olive oil, scatter some thinly slice recao, add celery micro-greens and julienne of granny smith apple.

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This desert life

The Judean Desert has been inspiring hermits since the Middle Ages
Its rugged beauty is the perfect background for contemplating life

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▶ A couple walks the path to the monastery of St. George in the Judean Desert.

Located between Jerusalem and Jericho, the Judean Desert provided an inspiration to thousands of hermits who lived here in the early Middle Ages. With its breathtaking, rugged beauty, it was the perfect setting for those searching spiritual fullness in the emptiness of the desert.

Today only a handful of monks live here, but the desert and its stunning monasteries continue to attract thousands of visitors from all over the world.

With its majestic cliffs and arid rocks stretching to the sky, the Judean Desert is a spiritual place of eerie beauty.

During the fourth and fifth centuries AD, it hosted a community of several thousand monks drawn by biblical stories and in search of a soulful experience. Away from earthly temptations, they lived a life of privation and isolation inside the dozens of caves scattered around this mountainous desert.

The desire to retrace the footsteps of early Christianity is still bringing pilgrims and tourists, said Elisa Moed, founder and chief executive of Travelujah.com, a faith-based website that provides resources for Christians travelling to the Holy Land.

"This is where John the Baptist resided. He was a hermit, and part of really experiencing the footsteps and really understanding the roots of Christianity is to come here and take a look at the wilderness and the landscape and try to understand the lifestyle of John the Baptist," she said.

The prophet Elijah "also spent his time in the Judean wilderness, Jesus spent time in the Judean wilderness. So, yes, it's a very important and very integral part of coming to the Holy Land and experiencing the Holy Land is to come into this wilderness," she said.

With its source of natural water, the gorge of Wadi Qelt in the West Bank, located a 20-minute drive from Jerusalem on the way to the Dead Sea, provides a green respite amid the arid landscape of the Judean Desert. This is where the Bible says the prophet Elijah lived, and it is the spot chosen by fifth-century hermits. In a reminder of the modern Middle East, vehicles must pass through Israeli and Palestinian checkpoints on the trip.

Visitors come here to visit the monastery of St. George built in the late 19th century on the site of an earlier monastery destroyed by the Persians in the year 614. Today a small community of Greek Orthodox monks resides here, allowing visitors to view the monastery.

Two years ago, the road to the site was expanded, allowing a larger number of visitors, mainly from Greece and Romania.

Even with the improvements, Wadi Qelt continues to be off the beaten path. Buses can reach the entrance gate, but visitors have to walk down a winding path for about 15 minutes in order to reach the monastery, a potential hurdle for senior citizens or people with disabilities.

To those with walking difficulties, local Bedouin Arabs offer the option of covering the path on donkeys for about $20 to $30 (about 70 to 110 shekels).

A more common destination for pilgrim tours is the nearby Mount of Temptation, a 15-minute car ride from Wadi Qelt, near the Dead Sea.

Placed just above the West Bank town of Jericho, the monastery of the Mount of Temptation is on a cliff about 360 metres above sea level, surrounded by several natural caves.

The monastery has just one permanent resident, Father Gerassimos, an 81-year-old Greek-Orthodox monk who's been living here for the past 30 years.

Father Gerassimos' daily routine walks a fine balance between isolation and openness to the outside world: He wakes up at 6 a.m., attends mass in the monastery's church before hosting the many visitors who come every day.

The place closes at 5 p.m. Only then does Father Gerassimos resume his isolated life, just next to one of the caves inside the monastery once inhabited by Byzantine hermits.

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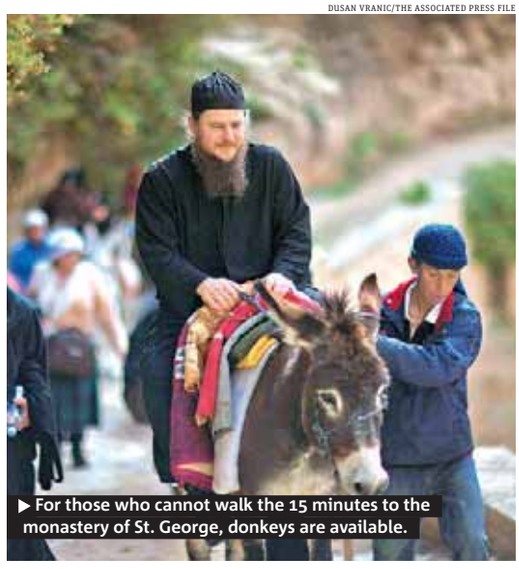

▶ For those who cannot walk the 15 minutes to the monastery of St. George, donkeys are available.

If you go...

- **St. George Monastery:** The monastery is not included on standard Holy Land tours. Visitors may ask tour operators (or local priest for pilgrims) to include it on itineraries ahead of their trip. The site is a 15- to 20-minute drive from Jerusalem, followed by a 15-minute walk to the monastery's main gate.
- **Mount of Temptation:** Organized tours of the Dead Sea may include a stop at the Mount of Temptation, located just above the town of Jericho. Visitors who are not part of an organized tour may reach Jericho by car (but rental cars must have West Bank insurance; see notes for visiting St. George above) or private taxi. Jericho is a 25-minute drive from Jerusalem on the way to the Dead Sea. A cable car connects Jericho to the Mount of Temptation and runs daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are about $14.

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DAVID WAIN'S DREAM VACATION

In a new series, we ask celebs where they'd go on their dream vacation. Let's start with David Wain, star of comedy troupe The State and director of Wanderlust, starring Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd.

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If he had a quick weekend

Vieques, Puerto Rico — easy to get to from New York where I live, it was a U.S. Naval Base until recently, which means miles and miles of untouched beaches and forest — the perfect way to feel far from my everyday life!

If he had two full weeks

I'd go with my family to an estancia in Argentina. These are ranches with horseback riding, the most amazing landscapes, and the amazing food. They don't export their beef to the USA. For me it was like trying a real steak after only having had McDonald's my whole life!

If he had three months

I'd love to live on a kibbutz in Israel. I've always been fascinated with communal living (thus the theme of my new movie Wanderlust, pictured below) and the kibbutz has been an ongoing large scale experiment in living with a different (and arguably better) set of priorities. It's sort of like the best aspects of summer camp but adapted for real-life adults and families.

If he could vacation for a year

Maybe I would get on a bicycle and make my way across Europe, seeing all the places I've never been to (most!). Then I would land in Sicily (where I honeymooned) and spend the last few months living in one of the many small towns there like Siracusa, driving (along with the most insane drivers in the world) into Palermo from time to time. And eating the best food on Earth, every single day!

Where he'd retire

I've always had a fantasy about retiring to Paris. I've never even been there, but somehow I feel like it'd be a great place to be retired, sitting in cafés and doing all the things I don't have time for now: playing music, writing, reading, watching movies, maybe podcasting! (Wain podcasts now! Head to wainydays.com.)

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Visiting Middle Earth

Peter Jackson's The Hobbit continues to film in New Zealand
We tell you where — maybe you could be an extra!

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▶ Freeman in The Hobbit

PETER JACKSON'S NEW ZEALAND

- The NZ-born director turned his homeland into Middle Earth for the Lord of the Rings trilogy — and, in turn, it became tourist central, drawing more visitors than ever before. (People go for the scenery; not for actual elves.) This December's prequel, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, the first of two parts, is already drumming up interest in the small country. It follows Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) heading into the wilderness, battling orcs and spiders and meeting old friends.
- Here's a preccccious roundup of where they're shooting. Plan your vacation now.

HOBBITON

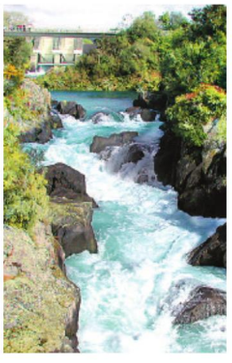
- Home of the hobbits, Hobbiton village is actually the Alexander family farm, near an area called Haere Mai, on the North Island of New Zealand. Originally a temporary set for Rings, Jackson has built permanent structures for The Hobbit: bridges, streams and the doors of 45 Hobbit homes will be displayed forever. To take a tour, contact the Alexander's Hobbiton Movie Set and Farm Tour (hobbitontours.com).

THE MOVIE STUDIO

- Co-owned by Jackson, the Stone Street Studios, in Wellington is where the Hobbit green screen filming was done, before the cast and crew went on location. (In October, in 140 vehicles, they moved 500 crew — and food, and toilets, and lighting rigs and so much more — from here to Hobbiton.) You can tour the soundstages — where Avatar (pictured) and King Kong were also filmed — with a visit to The Studio Tour (thestudiotour.com).

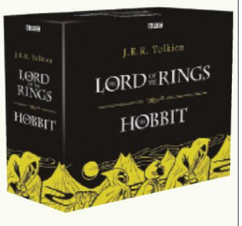
ARATIATIA RAPIDS

- Near Lake Taupo, in the North Island, the crew tossed barrels down these rapids for a secret scene. What you won't see on film: The hydroelectric Aratiatia Power Station, which releases water through the rapids.



How to be an extra

- It's tricky for non-locals. Unless you're a professional actor, you've got to check the local papers for casting announcements, and then be in the city, ready to go at a moment's notice. Check fan site theonering.net for unofficial updates. And be careful: A casting call in January was shut down after thousands of people arrived, creating a traffic nightmare.



THE *REAL* DWARF KINGDOM

- This place doesn't actually exist. (Aside from some weird theme park in China. Seriously, Google it, there's a Dwarf Empire there.) If you need a Dwarf fix before The Hobbit opens, rent Game of Thrones. The second season starts on HBO in March.

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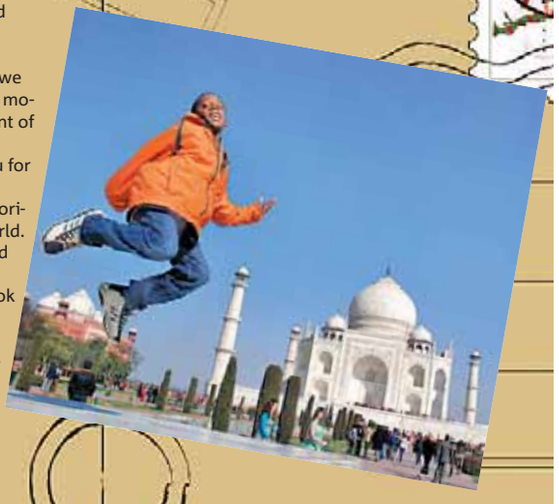

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In New York fashion

Exhibit looks back at 50 years of fashion design in North America

Paris has its scarves and skinny suits, Milan has its luxe leather and London its swinging miniskirts, but ask American designers what they've added to fashion and the collective answer is democracy, from wrap dresses worn by working women in the 1970s to a dress worn by the first lady.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America, in honour of its 50th anniversary this year, asked its membership, which includes president Diane von Furstenberg, Marc Jacobs, Sean Combs and Michael Kors, to craft their own "impact statements" and choose outfits and photos they feel best represent their signature styles for a new exhibit opening Saturday at the Museum at FIT in Manhattan. There are 80 outfits on display in the show, called Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA, but the works of 450 designers are represented in a multimedia display and a companion book.

"There is something magical about the way this group was founded back in 1962, in a small room off of Seventh Avenue. It was the brain trust of 20 passionate designers who were motivated to create a safe haven for the members of their community. They sought to protect and promote their own," von Furstenberg writes in the book. "Nearly half a century later, through triumphs and failures, with businesses made and broken, that small assemblage has evolved into a modern family of over 400 members."

Von Furstenberg lent to the museum one of her original wrap dresses from the 1970s, a symbol of the working-women's movement, while Oscar de la Renta, a former CFDA president, offered up a gown, accented in neon, from his current spring collection. (De la Renta always says his newest designs are his most important.)

A surprise came from Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen in talking about their contribution, said Patricia Mears, museum deputy director and curator. They didn't note their celebrity or even the accolades earned by their collection The Row, instead saying they were most proud of a commitment to manufacturing in the United States.

"Impact in America is interpreted a lot of ways. It has a lot of diversity. It could be making things affordable, it could be quality like haute couture," said Mears. She added, "Someone like Marc (Jacobs) is such a huge, influential entity but he followed the American path. When he did his groundbreaking grunge collection, it got him fired, but he says that's what set him free and served as a launching pad for something new."

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DIANE VON FURSTENBERG ON THE FORMATION OF THE COUNCIL OF FASHION DESIGNERS OF AMERICA

Jacobs is represented in the exhibit by a dress from that 1992 flannel-and-long johns collection. The garment came from Anna Sui's personal collection of Jacobs' clothes. Her explanation: "I guess Marc doesn't keep an extensive archive, and I'm a pack rat!"

But that's typical of the remarkably close relationships formed within the fashion community, said Steven Kolb, chief executive of the CFDA, which identifies advocacy, mentoring and charity as its missions.

While the industry is stereotyped by outsiders as catty and cutthroat, Kolb says he's come to see that designers not only support each other, but they thrive off each other. For example, Kolb said, Halston's craftsmanship, represented in the CFDA exhibit with a bias-cut dress made from a single piece of satin, has inspired the work of Ralph Rucci, who is touted as a master of fabric and pattern-making now. And it's no accident that Michael Kors' gold beaded pants were placed near the gold sequined outfit by Norman Norell.

Sui became an early, regular staple of what's evolved to be known as the contemporary category, along with the likes of Nanette Lepore, Trina Turk and even new powerhouse Tory Burch. "Contemporary" might not exist if

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there weren't enough people to fill a boutique or section of a department store, Sui explains.

"One of the things that is kind of ironic, and one of my problems was that I had to ask myself, 'Where do I fit in?'" says Sui.

"The most wonderful designers of the day were Bill Blass, Donna Karan and Anne Klein. I couldn't compete with them, I couldn't hang with them in department stores, but they inspired me to do my own thing."

That brings her around to her impact. "Somewhere my dresses started appealing to a new generation of girls who had worn jeans and T-shirts but were now going to work. She saw she could take a dress and dress it up for evening or tone down for daytime," Sui says. It didn't hurt that the age of the supermodel was dawning, and they were fans of her clothes.

One of the most familiar dresses in the exhibit belongs to Narciso Rodriguez. It's the runway version of the red-and-black sheath that Michelle Obama wore on election night in 2008.

"We are glad to show fashion in a cultural context," said FIT's Mears. "We want someone to look at the Stephen Burrows or Halston and say, 'That's from my youth.'

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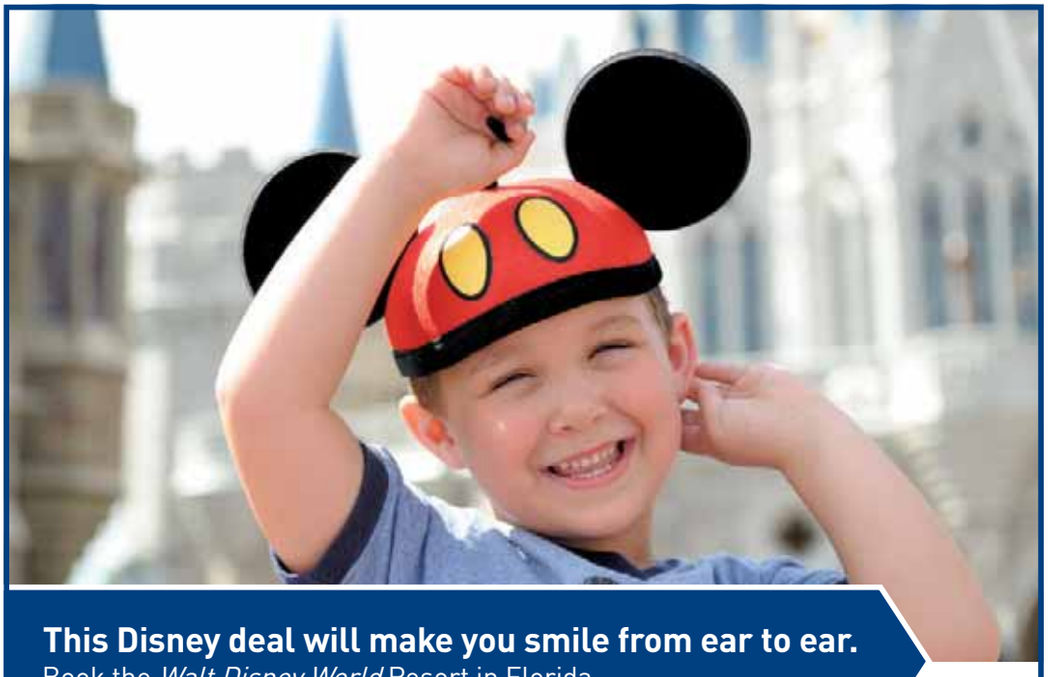

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It's Mardi Gras!

A new generation of parades is hitting the streets of New Orleans for Mardi Gras These floats are simpler, with a hipster sensibility

The new parades of Mardi Gras are throwing away old traditions of big, glitzy floats and celebrity kings and queens for smaller, greener and sometimes naughtier floats with a hipster sensibility.

These smaller krewes, as the parades or marching groups are called, draw on the talents of local artists and satirize everything from politics to local customs.

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A member of the Krewe du Vieux parades through the French Quarter.

Risque Floats

One float, labelled Benz Over, spoofed the recent sale of naming rights for the Superdome to Mercedes-Benz. The float carried a small replica of the Dome with large buttocks for a roof. Another krewe's floats are set atop people-powered adult tricycles fashioned from material salvaged after hurricane Katrina. A group called Krewe du Vieux chose "Crimes Against Nature" as its theme, and when it hit the streets recently as carnival season got underway, there was no doubt this was not the usual Mardi Gras parade. One of its floats made fun of surgical procedures used to "improve" on nature with a giant pair of inflatable breasts rising and falling throughout the parade. And instead of handing out traditional beads, some of the scantily clad krewe members handed out condoms.

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The alternative krewes see Mardi Gras as a chance for individuals to exercise their creativity and engage in satire.

"The coolest thing is that people do it just to do it," said Jim Gelarden, a member of Krewe du Vieux.

"It's just for fun. There is no social status at stake."

Smaller groups get regular parade permits, rather than Mardi Gras permits, said officer Ross Bourgeois of the New Orleans Police Department.

This allows them more leeway in what they can do and where they can go. The regular Mardi Gras parades are so big they're no longer allowed to roll through the narrow streets of the French Quarter, but smaller groups can still navigate the city's oldest and most famous neighbourhood.

"These are groups that fly way under the radar," said Arthur Hardy, a Mardi Gras historian and publisher of a Mardi Gras guide. "They don't have to follow the rules the bigger groups do. They are free to be a bit on the bawdy side, and to do very new and striking things."

The smaller groups offer spectators a different, more intimate experience.

"I love the offbeat parades," said Mary Ann Gautraeux, who said she tries to take in as many as she can each year.

"The people in the parade are right there with the crowd. It makes you feel so much more a part of everything."

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A Krewe du Vieux float travels down the street.

Old is new

But even though they're infusing the carnival parades with new ideas, in some ways the alternative krewes are drawing on very old Mardi Gras traditions that predate the era of automobiles and motorized floats.

Krewe du Vieux uses mules, or sometimes bicycles, to draw its 17 small floats, which are built on boat trailers no more than 2.5 metres long and 3.6 metres high. Krewe members also march with their floats rather than riding on them, and each float is accompanied by a New Orleans brass band.

Compare that to some of New Orleans' biggest and best-known mainstream parades, where the floats might be 15 metres long and 5.5 metres high, carrying dozens of riders. Some massive floats — like the raucous Bacchus parade's Baccagator float, a giant alligator, 33.5 metres long — can hold more than 100 riders.

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If you go...

Mardi Gras always falls on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Feb. 21.

Many parties, balls and parades are held for several weeks before the holiday.

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▶ The new parades of Mardi Gras are more low-key than the bead-tossing spectacles the festival is known for.

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- 3 tbsp (45 mL) vodka
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) pomegranate juice
- 6 tbsp (90 mL) sparkling lemon beverage

Fill glass with ice and pour in vodka and pomegranate juice. with lemon beverage. Garnish with lemon slice and serve.

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Delicious way to gobble, gobble

Add some Mediterranean sunshine to your table with this refreshing turkey scaloppine

This meal takes its inspiration from the Mediterranean with the use of olives and feta cheese.

The fresh taste of tomatoes and herbs adds colour and texture to this tender and easy weeknight meal.

Preparation:

1. Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa: In bowl, combine tomatoes, olives, green onion, oil, salt, pepper, basil, chopped mint and feta.
2. Coat turkey in flour, shaking off any excess. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook turkey in two batches about 4 minutes per side, until crisp and golden and no longer pink inside. Keep in warm oven while cooking second batch of turkey.

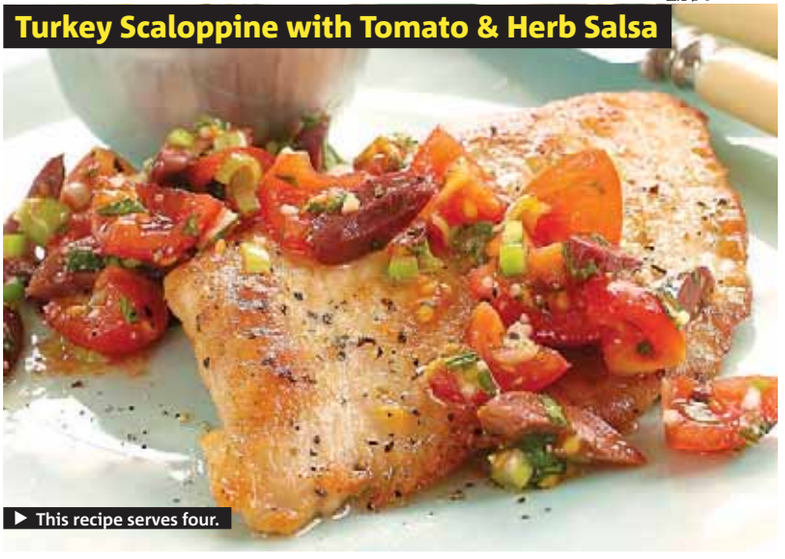
Ingredients:

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa

- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped fresh tomatoes
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh basil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta

- 4 turkey scaloppine cutlets
- 30 ml (1 tbsp) all purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Turkey Scaloppine with Tomato & Herb Salsa



This recipe serves four.

4. Divide turkey among 4 plates and top with fresh salsa.

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The church of the fine artist

Attitude first, skill second? Author Larry Witham examines art school as a type of religious experience

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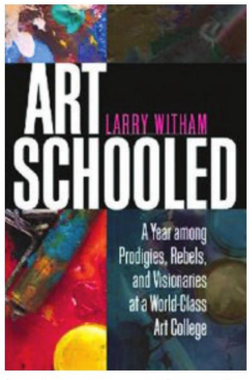


In books like The Measure of God, A City Upon a Hill, and Marketplace of the Gods: How Economics Explains Religion, Larry Witham examined religion in the United States from an analytical, erudite point of view.

But his latest — Art Schooled: A Year Among Prodigies, Rebels and Visionaries at a World-Class Art College — is an exploration of perhaps the most profoundly secular enclave in American society: the fine arts conservatory.

Unexpectedly, Witham ran into plenty of parallels between art students and churchgoers.

"Contemporary art is kind of its own religion. Sociologists will tell you this," says the former Washington Times reporter. "You've got to know the language, the rituals, the art theology and — just like any religion — if you're not familiar with these things, you don't feel like an insider."

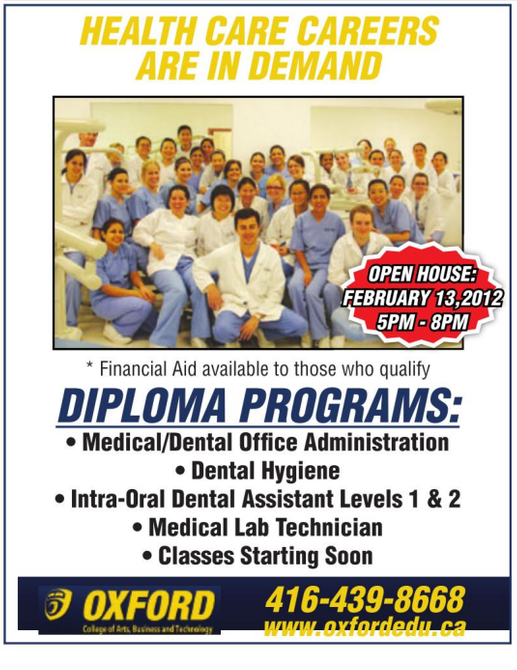
Witham embedded himself at the revered Maryland Institute College of Art, attending classes, gallery events and administrative meetings. But he spent the majority of his time with individual students, tracking their work and play, as well as their developing zeitgeist.

"I realized that over the last 30 years, being an artist is more about a way of life and attitude. And skills have become somewhat secondary," explains Witham. "There's a definite style, attitude and scene that young artists are attracted to — and it can provide access to the art market, though it's no guarantee."

Tradition versus tech

Witham noticed a growing divide between the traditional art student and a new breed: the graphic design/IT technophile.

"Some people can make it just by knowing the technology, but other artists still have to make it by mastering a skill — by being able to do something very traditional very well," explains Witham.



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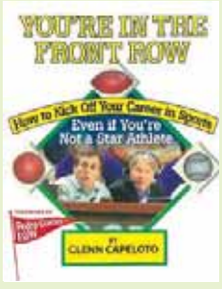

"I didn't make it as a sportscaster — which was my initial dream — but I still got to be side-by-side with Vin Scully."
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Glenn Capeloto still recalls the score of the very first professional sporting event he ever attended: Supersonics 146, 76ers 136. It was 1969, and it was love at first sight.

Later, while attending the University of Washington, Capeloto did radio play-by-play for Huskies Football. And he has managed to keep his toe in the sports industry ever since, working as a statistician, copy writer, salesman and just about anything else that keeps him in the front row.

"I didn't make it as a sportscaster — which was my initial dream — but I still got to be side-by-side with Vin Scully. There's just an inexplicable energy to being in the press box. It's a special fraternity," he explains. "I did dozens of jobs in pro sports, and none of them require that you be seven-foot-two or hit a baseball 450 feet."

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▶ When it comes to securing a job in the sports world, the ball is in your court.

Capeloto's first book, You're In the Front Row: How to Kick Off Your Career in Sports, Even if You're Not a Star Athlete, will be released this month.

In 368 pages, he profiles dozens of behind-the-scenes careers in sports, picking the brains of many industry professionals — from referees to equipment managers — to find out how to get one's foot in the door.

"The sports information office at your local college is a great place to start breaking in," explains Capeloto. "These places thrive and survive off of contributions from volunteers and interns. But mostly you just want to get involved anywhere you can. Think of it as a tryout. You're trying that particular specialty on for size, and you're looking for a fit."

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The call came in and they want to meet you! Best to add these crucial items to your 'ace the interview' to-do list

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Congratulations! You landed a job interview at your dream company.

A lot of hard work has gone into determining the right companies to apply to, network with, write fantastic cover letters and submit applications to.

Now it's time to prove you are even better in person. Here we offer up six tried-and-true tips to prepare for the interview.

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▶ Remember that an interview works both ways — you are interviewing the company to see if it's the right fit for you just as they are interviewing you.

1 Get organized Write down the date, time and location of your interview in your smart phone or date book right away.

Tip: Ask the recruiter for key information like the name of your interviewer and the interview style to help you prepare in the below steps.

2 Research the company Check out their mission statement, values/competences, services or products, case studies, awards, blog and executives. Be confident that you can summarize why you want to work at the company and why you are a great fit with this company,

Tip: Print off any key information you've found and highlight it or take notes. Don't be afraid to take this prep package with you to the interview in a folder so they see you are prepared. Also write down any questions you have to ask to determine if the company is the right fit for you and you are the right fit for them.

3 Get the real story via social media Check out their Facebook page to see photos, comments and general company news. This can be a great place to see company social event photos. See if they have a twitter account so you can check out what your future colleagues are tweeting about.

Tip: Seeing the inside scoop from current employees helps you understand your future colleagues and the real experience working at Company X.

4 Research your interviewers If you have the interviewer names, check them out on LinkedIn. See how long they have been with the company, positions they have held.

Tip: You can use this information when asking them about their experience at X Company or when asking questions. Example: "I see that you have been at X for five years and have worked in the recruiting and marketing teams tell me why you love working here…" This shows you went above and beyond in your research.

5 Research the industry

- What are top trends in the industry right now?
- Who are the biggest competitors of this company?

Tip: Use this information when they ask you the question, "Why do you want to join company X or what interests you about this industry?" Show that you are passionate about the industry and well versed!

6 Reach out to connections Do you have any friends that work at the company or have interviewed? Find out what type of interview questions they ask — behaviour based? Is there a competency exam?

Tip: Getting the inside scoop always sets you up for success. If you have a friend who works there, ask them about the person interviewing you and typical questions. Also, don't be afraid to ask them to refer you or highlight your name.

Practice being interviewed
Have a family member, friend or roommate ask you the questions and practice giving answers. Some great sites will not only list the question but also key skills to highlight.

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Leafs fall flat to open road trip

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Miikka Kiprusoff made 41 saves to lead the Flames to a 5-1 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs in Calgary on Tuesday night.

Alex Tanguay, with two assists, Olli Jokinen, Jarome Iginla and Blake Comeau each scored for Calgary (27-22-8). Paul Byron scored on a penalty shot in the second period as the Flames won their second straight.

Calgary has gone 4-0-2 in its past six games to pull within one point of the Phoenix Coyotes for eighth spot in the Western Conference playoff race.

Tyler Bozak scored for the Leafs (28-23-6), who have lost four straight games and are clinging to eighth spot in the Eastern Conference, just one point ahead of Washington.

Kiprusoff recorded his 26th victory of the season and 302nd of his career to move him into a tie for 25th with Turk Broda on the all-time wins list.

Netminder Jonas Gustavsson made 29 saves at the other end for Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lin for the win

- Knicks guard drains three-pointer in dying seconds to defeat Raptors
- Sellout crowd watches Harvard grad score 27 points, make 11 assists

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▶ Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin shoots the winning three pointer in over Jose Calderon with 0.5 seconds left.

In the time it took for Jeremy Lin to glance up at the clock, then pull up and launch a jaw-dropping shot, the New York Knicks phenomenon penned another page in his fairytale story.

The 23-year-old guard, who went from a seldom-used player to the league's hottest story in the span of a week, drained a three-point shot with 0.5 seconds on the clock to lift the Knicks to their sixth consecutive victory, 90-87 over the Toronto Raptors.

"You just watch, you're in awe," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said, of the game's thrilling final play. "He only held it until five-tenths of a second, he's pretty confident that was going in, no rebound, no nothing, that ball was being buried."

Lin finished with 27 points and a career-high 11 assists, and was huge down the stretch, scoring the final five points for New York (14-15) in one of the most exciting finishes in Toronto in recent memory.

Lin, the league's first-ever American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent, arrived in Toronto after a dream first week as an NBA starter — earning Eastern Conference player of the week honours.

"When he hit that shot it was simply amazing, we were hugging at midcourt like'd we won a championship."
AMARE STOUDEMIRE ON JEREMY LIN'S GAME-WINNING SHOT

He put in another magical performance Tuesday.

On the Knicks' final possession, Lin showed no hesitation in taking the last shot, and the season-high crowd of 20,092 stood on its feet at Air Canada Centre and roared as he dribbled the ball while the clock wound down before launching the pull-up jumper.

"I'm really not thinking too much about that," said Lin on having the ball with the game on the line. "I'm thankful my teammates and my coach trust me with the ball at the end of the game, and I like having it at the end of the game. I'm just very thankful."

Jose Calderon had 25 points and nine assists for the Raptors (9-21), who coughed up a 17-point first-half lead in the loss.
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4 sports

Leafs preview

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The Maple Leafs (28-23-6) head from Calgary, where they lost 5-1 Tuesday, to Edmonton (22-28-5). The Oilers haven't played since Saturday, when Taylor Hall scored in overtime to beat Ottawa 4-3. Hall has 19 goals, three shy of his rookie season total in 20 fewer games. Phil Kessel has at least 30 goals for the fourth straight season and is on pace to reach 40 for the first time in his career.
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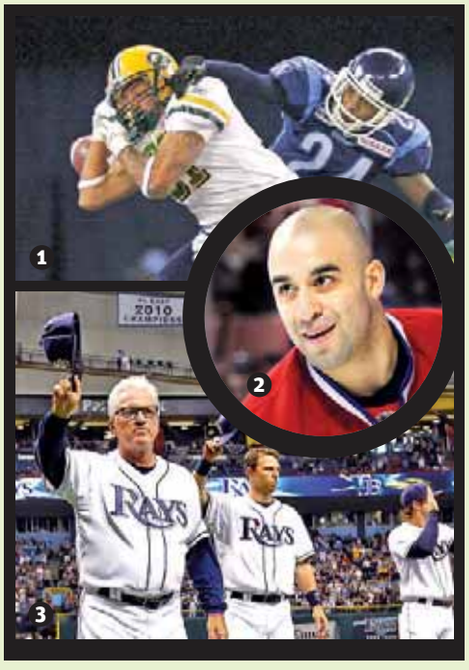

1 Receiver Jason Barnes signed a contract for one year, plus an option, with the Toronto Argonauts on Tuesday after being released last month by the Edmonton Eskimos.
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2 An argument between Canadiens forward Scott Gomez and assistant coach Randy Ladouceur at a Montreal practice on Tuesday was so long and intense that some media observers thought it might turn into a fistfight.
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3 A person familiar with the deal says manager Joe Maddon has agreed to a three-year contract extension with the Tampa Bay Rays.
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Nash buzz grows louder

Blue Jackets captain could be traded, source says

NHL trade talk heated up Tuesday with reports that Columbus Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash could be available before Feb. 27.

A source close to the situation confirmed that he is potentially in play.

Nash holds a no-movement clause and didn't exactly shoot down the possibility of a trade while speaking to reporters before Tuesday's game against St. Louis.

"I'm a Blue Jacket right now. I've played my whole career here and it's a special place to me," Nash told the Columbus Post-Dispatch. "So as of right now I'm a Blue Jacket."

Nash was drafted first overall by Columbus in 2002 and quickly became the face of the organization. He is in the first year of a seven-year contract that pays him $7.8 million US annually.

"When a team loses, more rumours keep on surfacing. That's what it seems to be right now, is just rumours."
RICK NASH

A season that started with optimism in Columbus has been nothing short of a disaster and the franchise appears to be headed for another rebuild.

The 27-year-old Nash has only made one playoff appearance in nine NHL seasons and might be inclined to move to a contender.

News of Nash's potential availability brought some life to what had been a surprisingly dormant period of inactivity around the NHL. Even with the Feb. 27 trade deadline fast approaching, there have been no significant moves since Calgary and Montreal swapped Rene Bourque and Mike Cammalleri more than a month ago.
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Philadelphia	56	31	18	2	5	182	169	69	13-9-1-4	18-9-1-1	3-4-0-3	L2
New Jersey	56	32	20	1	3	158	156	68	15-10-0-3	17-10-1-0	6-2-0-2	W1
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Toronto	56	28	22	3	3	171	166	62	16-9-2-2	12-13-1-1	5-4-0-1	L3
Washington	56	28	23	2	3	156	160	61	19-8-0-2	9-15-2-1	3-4-2-1	L3
Winnipeg	57	26	25	3	3	139	161	58	16-8-0-2	10-17-3-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Montreal	57	23	25	2	7	152	154	55	11-12-2-5	12-13-0-2	6-4-0-0	L1
NY Islanders	55	23	24	5	3	131	159	54	12-13-5-0	11-11-1-2	5-3-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	56	24	26	3	3	155	189	54	15-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	L2
Buffalo	56	24	26	3	3	137	162	54	13-11-3-3	11-15-0-0	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	57	21	25	7	4	147	175	53	14-12-0-3	7-13-7-1	5-1-3-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	58	39	17	1	1	185	136	80	24-2-1-0	15-15-0-1	7-2-0-1	W4
d-Vancouver	56	35	15	0	6	180	139	76	16-6-0-4	19-9-0-2	7-0-0-3	W1
d-San Jose	54	31	17	3	3	158	130	68	18-9-2-0	13-8-1-3	5-4-0-1	W1
St. Louis	56	34	15	1	6	140	113	75	24-3-1-3	10-12-0-3	6-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	56	32	18	3	3	158	148	70	17-7-2-2	15-11-1-1	6-2-0-2	L3
Chicago	56	29	20	4	3	174	171	65	19-6-1-3	10-14-3-0	2-7-1-0	L8
Los Angeles	57	27	19	5	6	124	124	65	15-11-0-4	12-8-5-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Phoenix	57	27	21	3	6	149	146	63	14-10-2-2	13-11-1-4	6-2-0-2	L1
Calgary	56	26	22	4	4	134	151	60	15-8-1-1	11-14-3-3	5-2-1-2	W1
Colorado	57	28	25	3	1	146	159	60	16-13-0-1	12-12-3-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Dallas	56	28	25	0	3	146	160	59	15-11-0-2	13-14-0-1	4-5-0-1	L3
Minnesota	56	25	23	2	6	126	146	58	13-10-1-2	12-13-1-4	3-6-0-1	L5
Anaheim	56	23	24	4	5	146	164	55	15-13-2-0	8-11-2-5	6-2-1-1	W2
Edmonton	55	22	28	1	4	147	165	49	15-8-1-2	7-20-0-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Columbus	57	17	34	1	5	133	186	40	10-15-1-2	7-19-0-3	4-6-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Ottawa 4 Tampa Bay 0
New Jersey 4 Buffalo 1
N.Y. Rangers 3 Boston 0
Columbus 2 St. Louis 1
Anaheim 2 Minnesota 1
Detroit 3 Dallas 1
Chicago at Nashville
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg
Toronto at Calgary

Monday's results
Carolina 5 Montreal 3
Vancouver 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)
San Jose 5 Washington 3

Tonight's games
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

DEVILS 4, SABRES 1

First Period
1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 23 (Elias, Clarkson) 19:24 (pp)

Penalties — Regehr Buf (holding) 1:13, Vanek Buf (tripping) 18:42.

Second Period
2. Buffalo, Pominville 21, 17:19

Penalties — Salvador NJ (delay of game) 3:18, Roy Buf (tripping) 5:24, Leopold Buf (hooking) 10:48, Ehrhoff Buf (tripping) 18:47, Weber Buf (cross-checking) 20:00.

Third Period
3. New Jersey, Sykora 13 (Henrique, Kovalchuk) 1:44 (pp)
4. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 24 (Henrique, Fayne) 9:47
5. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 25 (Parise) 19:51 (en)

Penalties — Greene NJ (tripping) 3:23, Roy Buf (tripping) 17:29.

Shots on goal

New Jersey	8	11	12	—31
Buffalo	8	12	10	—30

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,19-13-2); Buffalo: Miller (L,16-17-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) — New Jersey: 2-7; Buffalo: 0-2.

Referees — Steve Kozari, Brian Pochmara.

Linesmen — Mark Shewchyk, Scott Cherrey.

Attendance — 18,690 (18,690) at Buffalo, N.Y.

SENATORS 4, LIGHTNING 0

First Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 10 (Spezza, Butler) 1:04

Penalties — Stamkos TB (tripping) 1:24, Spezza Ott (tripping) 3:34, Butler Ott (goaltender interference) 9:04.

Second Period
2. Ottawa, Spezza 23 (Kuba, Karlsson) 16:32 (pp)

Penalty — Kubina TB (interference) 15:30.

Third Period
3. Ottawa, Spezza 24 (Butler, Michalek) 12:37
4. Ottawa, Spezza 25 (Gonchar) 18:58 (en)

Missed penalty shot — Turris Ott, 11:36.

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal

Ottawa	7	11	9	—27
Tampa Bay	10	11	7	—28

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,26-19-6); Tampa Bay: Garon (L,17-15-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-2; Tampa Bay: 0-2.

Attendance — 17,488 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 2, COYOTES 1 (SO)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Torres Phx (tripping) 6:03, Rozsival Phx (delay of game) 7:50, Edler Vcr (holding) 13:09.

Second Period
1. Vancouver, Booth 10 (Kesler, Rome) 10:40

Penalty — Bitz Vcr (hooking) 7:17.

Third Period
2. Phoenix, Yandle 8, 17:54

Penalty — Ekman-Larsson Phx (holding) 14:11.

Overtime — No Scoring.

Penalties — Klesla Phx, Bieksa Vcr (roughing) 5:00.

Shootout — Vancouver wins 4-3

Vancouver (4) — Hodgson, goal; Burrows, miss; Edler, goal; Raymond, miss; Booth, goal; Kesler, goal; **Phoenix (3)** — Whitney, goal; Vrbata, miss; Brule, goal; Doan, miss; Boedker, goal; Gordon, miss.

Shots

Phoenix	9	6	8	1—24
Vancouver	4	13	2	3—22

Goal — Phoenix: LaBarbera (SOL,3-7-2); Vancouver: Luongo (W,23-10-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-3.

Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	32	37	69
Stamkos, TB	37	25	62
Giroux, Pha	22	40	62

Last night's games not included

NLL

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	5	3	2	.600	61	56	—
Philadelphia	5	3	2	.600	55	69	—
Buffalo	6	2	4	.333	70	76	1½
Rochester	6	1	5	.167	73	76	2½
WEST DIVISION							
Colorado	5	5	0	1.000	71	56	—
Minnesota	5	4	1	.800	68	62	1
Calgary	5	3	2	.600	62	57	2
Edmonton	4	1	3	.250	44	39	3½
Washington	5	1	4	.200	46	61	4

WEEK SEVEN
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA

COPA BBVA COLSANITAS

At Bogotá, Colombia
Singles — First Round
Lourdes Dominguez Lino (7), Spain, def.
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, 6-2, 6-2.
Karin Knapp, Italy, def. Alexandra Dulgheru (2), Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Romina Oprandi (3), Switzerland, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Gisela Dulko (5), Argentina, def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Yuliana Lizarazo, Colombia, 6-0, 6-1.
Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, def. Julia Cohen, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Catalina Castano, Colombia, def. Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-1.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

QATAR TOTAL OPEN

At Doha, Qatar
Singles — First Round
Angelique Kerber, Germany, def. Sabine Lisicki (9), Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova (11), Slovakia, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Daniela Hantuchova (15), Slovakia, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Julia Goerges (16), Germany, def. Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, 6-2, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Rep., 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-3, 6-4.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-2, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

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At Rotterdam, Netherlands
Singles — First Round
Viktor Troicki (7), Serbia, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 7-6 (6), 6-0.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 7-5.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-0, 6-7 (4), 6-0.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Kosuke Fukudome on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Designated LHP Kelvin De La Cruz for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Ortega, RHP Tyler Stohr, RHP Brayan Villarreal, LHP Duane Below, LHP Casey Crosby and OF Avisail Garcia on one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Exercised their 2013 option on manager Ned Yost.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Bianchi and RHP Wily Peralta on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL

NFL

HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Hammerschmidt offensive assistant. Promoted Marc Lubick to assistant wide receivers coach, and Jim Ryan assistant offensive line coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Clyde Christensen quarterbacks coach, Gary Emanuel defensive line coach, Jeff Fitzgerald linebackers coach, Mike Gillhamer secondary coach, Brad White defensive quality control, Joe Gilbert assistant offensive line coach, Frank Giufre offensive quality control, Alfredo Roberts tight ends coach and Charlie Williams receivers coach.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Jack Bicknell Jr. offensive line coach, Jim Bob Cooter offensive quality control coach and Tom McMahon and Derius Swinton special teams coaches.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Les Snead general manager.

CFL

TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Signed WR Jason Barnes.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Moved defensive and special teams assistant coach Markus Howell to receivers coach. Re-signed OL Steve Morley. Signed LB-LS Jordan Matechuk.

HOCKEY

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled G Jeff Deslauriers from Syracuse (AHL). Assigned G Iiro Tarkki to Syracuse.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Drayson Bowman from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned F Jerome Samson to Charlotte.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated C Mark Letestu from injured reserve.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Placed D Carl Gunnarsson on injured reserve. Recalled D Keith Aulie from Toronto (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Braden Holtby, F Joel Rechlicz and F Keith Aucoin to Hershey (AHL).

SOCCER

MLS

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES—Acquired MF Simon Dawkins on loan from Tottenham Hotspur (England).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	23	7	.767	—
d-Chicago	23	7	.767	—
d-Philadelphia	20	9	.690	2½
Atlanta	18	10	.643	4
Orlando	18	11	.621	4½
Indiana	17	11	.607	5
Boston	15	12	.556	6½
New York	14	15	.483	8½
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	10
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11
Toronto	9	21	.300	14
New Jersey	8	21	.276	14½
Detroit	8	22	.267	15
Washington	6	22	.214	16
Charlotte	3	25	.107	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	22	6	.786	—
d-San Antonio	20	9	.690	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	4
Dallas	18	11	.621	4½
L.A. Lakers	16	12	.571	6
Denver	16	12	.571	6
Houston	16	13	.552	6½
Portland	15	13	.536	7
Memphis	15	14	.517	7½
Utah	14	14	.500	8
Minnesota	13	16	.448	9½
Golden State	11	14	.440	9½
Phoenix	12	16	.429	10
Sacramento	10	17	.370	11½
New Orleans	5	23	.179	17

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Miami 105 Indiana 90
New York 90 Toronto 87
San Antonio 99 Detroit 95
Oklahoma City 111 Utah 85
Memphis 93 Houston 83
Sacramento at Chicago
Phoenix at Denver
Washington at Portland
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers

Monday's results
Philadelphia 98 Charlotte 89
Orlando 102 Minnesota 89
New Orleans 86 Utah 80
Miami 114 Milwaukee 96
Dallas 96 L.A. Clippers 92
Golden State 102 Phoenix 96

Tonight's games
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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AutoShow a wonder zone of vehicular diversity

Mike Goetz helps you get familiar with the automotive smorgasbord that's about to take over the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

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There never has been, and never will be, one vehicle that fits all the needs and wants of everyone.

The car industry will always have to build a crazy number of vehicles to satisfy a crazy variety of wants and needs.

We're seeing that now in the electric car scene, where every form of electric expression is developing, from cheap to super fast to super luxury, and from tiny to extra-large.

Car shows are where you see the latest experiments (concepts) and recently solidified positions (new production vehicles) for all the divergent story lines ... Where the contradictions hit the fan, so to speak. (But obviously in a more pleasing visual way than suggested by the original form of that fan metaphor.)

The upcoming auto show in Toronto will of course be a great place to get pleasantly confused with all the various directions of autodom. Here's a preview of some of the concepts and new production vehicles you'll find at this year's show, that speak to continuing and spectacular vehicular diversity ...

JAGUAR C-X16 CONCEPT

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Here's one for the folks who crave power, grace, and pace. The Jaguar C-X16 Concept portends the brand's upcoming rear-drive, two-seat "driver's car." Smaller than the current XK line of sport touring cars, the C-X16 features an aluminum chassis, eight-speed gearbox, and prototype supercharged all-alloy 3.0-litre V-6, producing 380 horses. The concept also showcases a new Jaguar electric motor assist system, based on the "Push to Pass" concept of Formula One's KERS (Kinetic Energy Recovery Systems) initiative.

2013 BUICK ENCORE

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Here's your ride if you like crossovers and luxury, but don't like them in big packages. The new Buick Encore is based on a version of GM's Global Small Vehicle (GSV) architecture, which also underpins the new Chevrolet Sonic. The exterior echoes big brother Enclave's sculpted sheet metal, and everything inside is rendered in that Buick blend of light and dark "warm" tones. Standard is "Quiet Tuning," which, in a Buick first, features active noise control.

INFINITI ETHEREA

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Infiniti says the ETHEREA concept can be summed up as a four-door coupe with five-door practicality — a hatchback that doesn't look like a hatchback. It's proposed as a future entry-level Infiniti, and features a supercharged 2.5-litre 4-cylinder engine with 245 horsepower. An electric motor is also on board, to boost overall power, and facilitate pure-electric driving at slower speeds.

VW BULLI CONCEPT

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Here's one for the hairy hippy deep inside all of us, or the soccer mom looking for something new and retro at the same time. VW hasn't said definitely if North America will receive a production version of this re-born Microbus, but they haven't ruled it our either. Tidy as it is, it still seats six, via two bench seats. The seats all fold down to create a "sleeping" area — so the Microbus' camping traditions will continue. The concept's powertrain is 100 per cent electric.

2013 SCION FR-S/ SUBARU BRZ

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For some reason, manufacturers have strayed from this type of vehicle — no nonsense, inexpensive, rear-drive sporty car. Toyota and Subaru collaborated on this project, and both Scion FR-S and Subaru BRZ will feature the Subaru designed and built 2.0-litre "flat four" powerplant. Performance and handling are ensured through a focus on weight and luxury reduction.

2012 Canadian International AutoShow

The annual Canadian International AutoShow — a.k.a. the Toronto auto show — runs from Feb. 17 to 26 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Organizers are expecting a crowd of more than 300,000 this year, which marks the 39th edition of the show. For hours and ticket information visit autoshow.ca.
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Taking a whole new direction

‘Timeless’ new design defines Acura’s latest models ◗ Automaker set to celebrate big anniversary

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▶ The Acura NSX Concept, pictured here at the 2012 Detroit auto show, is heading to Toronto. Don’t you wish you could be the guy cleaning it? Bottom left, the 2013 Acura RDX is pictured in Detroit, while the ILX concept is on the right.

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HANDOUT

When you visit Acura’s display at the Canadian International AutoShow, remember to wish the company a happy anniversary. It was 25 years ago at the Toronto show — on Feb. 14, 1987 — that Honda announced the introduction of Acura, the first Japanese luxury brand in Canada and the U.S.

Acura has been evolving steadily since that first day, and at this year’s show, check out its newly-unveiled models: the all-new RDX, and the ILX and NSX concept vehicles, all of which point the way to the company’s design future.

“The design direction for Acura overall is ‘timeless,’” says Emile Korkor, Acura’s senior product planner. “The current designs are very flash-in-the-pan, edgy and modern, but that’s not the direction we want for the future. We want one that can sustain the test of time.”

Acura’s new look is aerodynamic, with long sweeping lines from the front to rear fenders, strong creases, a dynamic wide stance, and a “signature” grille that will be adapted to each vehicle but still immediately identifies the brand. The company considers itself the sportiest of the Japanese automakers and while previous models may not always have reflected this, it’s the primary focus behind the new designs.

“We’re trying to create more emotion,” Korkor says. “We have the performance, the sporty driving, the luxury, and we just need the emotion.”

The NSX not only marks the latest incarnation of the legendary supercar that was produced from 1990 to 2005, but will serve as the design flagship for the brand.

“The NSX shows our sporty side,” says Alexandre Roger, assistant vice-president of Acura. “It will be the halo for the brand, and those design elements will trickle down to new products in the future.”

Those will include the new ILX, which will serve as the entry to the brand.

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That spot used to belong to the CSX, a thinly-disguised Honda Civic-based model that was only sold in Canada. In contrast, the ILX will also be offered in the U.S.

“We worked to create a replacement for the CSX, but make it a real Acura,” Roger says. “All of our Acura products use some Honda DNA, because we don’t want to move away from the quality of our product, but whatever you touch, you feel, whatever you drive is uniquely Acura. The ILX is designed to be luxury, sporty, stylish and to create emotion.”

The ILX is sized similarly to the Civic, Roger says, “but everything else is 100 per cent Acura.”

Above all else, Acura’s new design focus will take the brand in a new direction without losing the core of what it means to customers.

“We know people buy Acura because it is the best value,” Korkor says. “Now we also want people to say, ‘I bought it because I just loved it.’”

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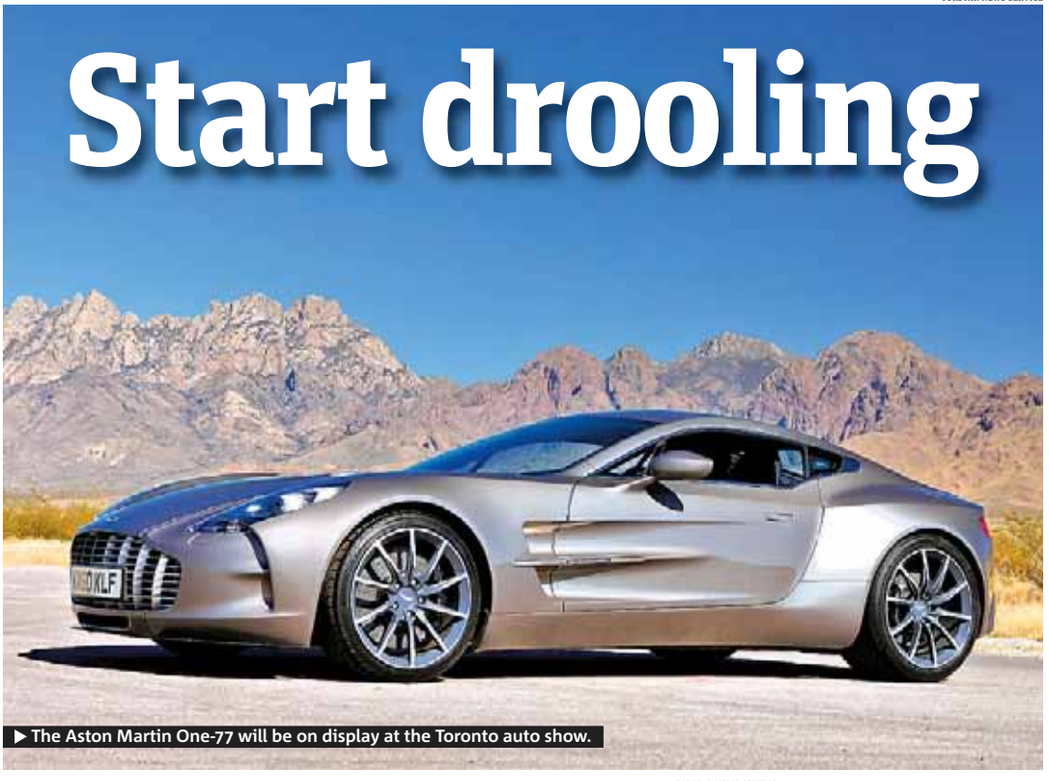

▶ The Aston Martin One-77 will be on display at the Toronto auto show.

Auto Exotica not for the meek

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Plenty of people attend the Canadian International Auto Show to kick the tires of a bunch of models they may be contemplating as their next purchase.

At the same time, car aficionados congregate at the Auto Exotica collection to pay homage to exclusive automakers such as Aston Martin and Ferrari. It's exciting stuff, but remember: kick these tires and you'll likely be escorted out of the building.

Ferrari FF

The Pininfarina-styled Ferrari FF, or "Ferrari Four," is the Italian sports-car maker's first foray into all-wheel-drive motoring. Its direct-injected V-12 engine makes 651 hp working through a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic gearbox mounted at the rear and a second transmission up front to help lay down all that copious power.

Surprisingly, it comes wrapped in a roomy front-engine, four-seater hatchback, acknowledging that even Ferrari pilots sometimes have to make day-care and grocery runs.

Pagani Zonda R

Think of the "R" on the Pagani Zonda's badge as Spinal Tap's "11" on their guitar amps. As the closing note on the outrageous Zonda line, the mid-engine R combines a 739-hp, 6.0-L V-12 AMG engine with a carbon-fibre chassis to yield a breathtaking 0-to-60 acceleration time under 3 seconds. The smorgasbord of carbon fibre, aircraft aluminum, titanium and other state-of-the-art materials contributed to the Zonda R's lofty sticker price of $1.8 million. As if you had to ask.

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▶ Bugatti Veyron

Fisker Karma

California's Fisker Automotive was founded in 2007, intent on building an environmentally friendly premium hybrid-electric vehicle. The result is the Karma, a stunning four-door sedan whose dual 201-hp electric motors can propel the aluminum space-framed car to 60 m.p.h. in 6.1 seconds. A GM-supplied four-cylinder engine keeps its lithium-ion batteries charged. Other eco-friendly touches include roof-mounted solar panels to help cool or heat the cabin, while recycled materials such as wildfire-ravaged wood dot the interior.

Aston Martin One-77

Aston Martin has always appealed to an exclusive clientele; its One-77 supercar takes it to a whole other level with only 77 built. The One-77 employs a 7.3-L version of its famed V-12 to make more than 700 hp without the aid of a supercharger.

Dry-sump lubrication allows the motor to sit nearly four inches lower in the chassis to improve handling.

But enough about the mechanical bits. It's the One-77's stunning bodywork that will have the crowds salivating.

Lotus Evora

A purist's delight, the Lotus Evora adheres to founder Colin Chapman's "add lightness" decree, with lightweight fibreglass construction, minimal accessories and fanatical attention paid to suspension design. It is the essence of a balanced sports car. This 2+2 coupe uses a Toyota-supplied 3.5-L V-6 that delivers 276 hp through a six-speed manual gearbox. The Evora S introduced a supercharged version of the same engine, good for 345 hp. A six-speed automatic transmission is a new option available on the base model.

Colin must be spinning.

Bugatti Veyron

The 1001-hp Bugatti Veyron EB 16.4 made headlines in 2005 when it finally rolled out of its French assembly plant and began laying rubber to asphalt. Zero-to-60 came up in 2.5 seconds and topped out at more than 400 km/h, making it the world's fastest street-legal production car.

The mid-engine Veyron features an 8.0-L quad-turbocharged W16 motor, essentially two narrow-angle V-8s cast together. The monster engine spins all four wheels all the time. Adding racing stripes will actually make the Veyron slower.

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You may not be in the market to buy or lease a new car in the immediate future, but that doesn't mean there aren't plenty of other reasons to visit the Canadian International Autoshow opening this Friday.

The theme for the 2012 CIAS is Journey into the Next Dimension, representing not only the optimism for improved sales but also the next frontier of design, technology and innovation that will be on display.

Once again residing at both the North and South buildings of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the CIAS will run Feb. 17-26.

Featuring over 23 Canadian premieres and more than 15 concept vehicles that few have seen up close and personal, Canada's largest and best-attended consumer show is truly a world-class event.

Making their Canadian debuts at this year's show, the long-awaited Acura NSX Concept and Jaguar C-X16 concept make bold statements as to a balance between hybrid technology and performance without compromise.

The show's Eco-Drive showcase puts a spotlight exclusively on efficiency, profiling advances in both conventional technology and the future of electric vehicles.

You will also get a chance to see upcoming production models before they even arrive at your local dealership, like the all-new BMW ActiveHybrid 3, Dodge Dart, Ford Fusion or Cadillac XTS sedan.

Produced by the Toronto Auto Dealers Association (TADA), the show features over 1,000 automobiles and attracts over 300,000 visitors each year. The estimated value of the exhibits at the show, not including the vehicles themselves, is over $60-million. The estimated value for the cars is another $30-million.

The 125 exhibitors cover a wide spectrum of automotive related products and services for everything from detailing kits to driving lessons. Plenty of manufacturers are planning special events around Family Day on Monday Feb. 20.

Kicking tires and comparing the models that make their way onto your short list is just one reason to visit the show. Offering 500,000 square feet of floor space to explore, it isn't a bad way to get some mid-winter exercise either.

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The suped-up Foose Cruze boasts about $75,000 in upgrades.

Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children is known the world over for its research and level of care. Now, Toronto Area Chevrolet Dealers and legendary car customizer Chip Foose have teamed up to help the hospital that has helped so many.

The result is the Foose Cruze, a one-of-a-kind 2012 Chevrolet Cruze that will be going home with a lucky winner at the end of the Toronto auto show, once it's done its duty to help raise money for the hospital's SickKids Foundation.

All Ontario residents age 19 and older can fill out a ballot at Chevrolet's booth at the show until Feb. 26, or at any participating Toronto-area Chevrolet dealer until Feb. 24, for a chance to win the car. It's free to enter, with donations for SickKids accepted at any of the locations.

Foose, a tireless supporter of children's charities, took just over a month to customize the Cruze at his California shop.

"I just had fun with it," he says, adding that when he asked the Toronto dealers' group what they wanted, he was told it should be "wild."

Wild it is. The car carries a signature two-tone paint scheme, retaining its original black upper half and with Foose's own Hemisfear Lime Pearl green on the bottom, divided by an orange stripe.

The suspension is lowered and the body is accentuated with new rocker panels, front air dam and rear spoiler. The one-of-a-kind wheels are each carved from a single block of aluminum, and Foose worked with an upholstery shop to create the custom leather seats that bear his logo.

Foose himself will be at the Toronto show on Feb. 26 to talk about the car.

He normally works on more exotic models, but this project got his attention.

"I hadn't paid any attention to the Cruze before this, but I am a fan now," he says.

"The design is nice and I'm impressed with the fuel economy. I really like the car."

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When you're gawking at the shiny floor models at the auto show, remember you've got an old friend waiting for you at home ◗ Writer Justin Pritchard leads by example and puts his own car, a 1993 Toyota MR2, to the test

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In 1993 I was an 11-year-old aspiring car-nerd. I had a lot of car posters on my bedroom wall.

About four years back, I decided to buy a car from one of those posters.

The Toyota MR2 GTS made the most sense. They're fairly reliable, affordable, and easy to find replacement parts for.

I shelled out $7,500 to an importer and picked up my new baby a few weeks later.

The MR2's engine is in the middle, hence the MR2 name that references its "mid-rear, two-wheel drive" layout.

Said engine is a two-litre turbocharged four-cylinder. Nothing too fancy. Stock output in Japan was 225 horsepower — and since the 3S GTE engine is turbocharged, you can make more ponies on the cheap.

I applied some upgrades to dial up the power — including a bigger turbocharger, intake, intercooler and custom 3-inch exhaust that I helped weld together myself.

End result? The little beast now gurgles to life with a loud drone that penetrates into nearby buildings and goes like all hell when opened up — after a good moment or two worth of turbo lag.

Horsepower? No idea. But probably about 300. Yea, this little thing rips. It's good on gas, too — on account of it being very light and aerodynamic.

Inside, leather seats flank a tall centre console with a five-speed shifter in the middle. The instrument cluster is simple and there are power windows, air conditioning, and automatic climate control, too.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

▶ Justin figures his Toyota can muster around 300 horsepower.

It's a squeeze to get in and out — and boarding the MR2 ends with pulling the steering wheel into your lap. You wear this car.

The stereo is shot, the bezel around it is falling off, and the driver's-side window squeaks like a stuck pig when you roll it up.

I don't care, though. It all adds character, and puts newer cars in perspective. It also calls to mind a time when Toyota was serious about performance cars.

Handling is a bit wacky. The MR2 generates lots of rear-end grip for getting off the line and accelerating early out of corners. But the front is nearly too light. Steering is relatively quick, but it all feels a bit loose and strange compared to something with the weight of an engine up front.

Get it right, and it's like driving a go-kart. Get it wrong, and the MR2 will likely plow into whatever is ahead of it, or park itself backwards in the ditch on the other side of the road.

But even driven gently, the MR2 is a pleasure. People give it the thumbs up. It looks fantastic. And you don't see them everywhere. That's probably thanks to the hopelessly impractical nature of this machine.

But shiny new and high-tech or not, my less-than perfect MR2 is still one of the coolest cars I've ever driven — brand new or otherwise.

License to thrill

Today's high-performing cars are quicker, more sensible and easier to use than ever. Zero-to-60 in five seconds used to be Ferrari and Lamborghini territory. Now, you can get a station wagon that does it faster. You know, for when the kids are late for swimming.

AMG, the performance-engineered division of Mercedes Benz, offers perhaps the largest line of exclusive, high-velocity models in the Canadian marketplace. These range from the aforementioned rocket wagon to high-performance coupes, thruster-propelled SUV's and gullwing-doored, carbon-fibre supercars like the SLS AMG.

Fancy something exclusive, explosive, and packed with enough horsepower to set your face on fire? AMG probably has a vehicle for you.

But where to let those ponies, G-forces and high-speed aerodynamic tweaks run free? Want to see what that AMG badge is all about, and experience the difference between the various models in the product range?

For more info

- Mercedes and AMG offer numerous driving courses, ranging from $400 to $4,000. More information is available on the automaker's website.

The folks at AMG have created a driver training course that's custom-built for their owners and prospects: the AMG Driving Academy.

Tuition includes your hotel, meals, race track access, and a fleet of instructors to tie it all together. Oh, and you get to drive a whole whack of AMG cars that you don't own.

Various performance driving exercises are demonstrated, developed, and practiced extensively. Students perform every exercise in every car — enabling them to sense the differences between various AMG models.

The "every driver, every car" approach also reinforces that the driver's skill, not the car alone, is key for performance motoring.

Continual feedback is offered by the instructors, allowing students to fine-tune their new skills. As the day progresses, the skills are applied to high-speed, instructor-led road-course hot-laps with speedometers blasting past the 200 km/h mark.

It's an absolute riot, and the skills learned on the track are easily applied to real-world situations.

After all — every moment spent at a vehicle's limits on a track will make drivers more comfortable should an emergency require visitation of said limits in real life.

Facing a sudden and dangerous obstacle? Knowing how to safely evade it can prevent you writing off your new ride, or worse.

That's pretty priceless, in a way.

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Chevrolet Spark

What you should know about the 2013 Chevrolet Spark:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.2-litre DOHC I4 (85).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; four-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** Chevrolet is joining a growing number of automakers offering bite-sized hatchbacks that attempt to combine reasonable passenger space and comfort with exceptional fuel economy and fun-to-drive capability.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.0/4.9 (MT, est.).

The right car for the jungle

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The concrete jungle is becoming increasingly tougher to navigate. The streets are clogged, parking fees are ridiculous and fuel is far from cheap.

Survival demands a minimalist transportation module with maximum space for people and cargo. For both urbanites and suburbanites, the Chevrolet Spark is on its way.

Chevrolet has been the recipient of numerous accolades lately for its compact and sub-compact brands.

The one-year-old Cruze has been a huge hit and it appears that the newly released Sonic sedan and hatchback will follow the same course for 2012.

And with a growing list of recently released competitors, it seems as though North Americans are beginning to embrace fuel efficiency and a smaller footprint as a way of life.

The Spark hatchback's mid-2012 arrival serves to add fuel to the sub-compact fire.

Versions of this Korea-built four-door hatchback have been buzzing around the streets of Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Mexico for a few years. Now it's our turn.

In the near future, the Spark could very well be the envy of competitors such as the Smart Fortwo, Scion iQ, Fiat 500 and Mini Cooper.

Stowage

The car is nearly 15 centimetres taller than a Mini Cooper. In other aspects the Spark is slightly shorter overall and there's less distance between the front and rear wheels than the Mini.

You also won't find much stowage area in back, but enlarging the space for life's bulky stuff is just a split-folding-rear-bench away.

Engine

In keeping with the Spark's modest transportation role, the standard powerplant is a 1.2-litre four-cylinder that generates an equally modest 85 horsepower and 82 pound-feet of torque.

That's obviously not a lot, but wrapped in a small 1,045-kilogram vehicle built for urban commuting with short-lived jaunts at highway speeds, it'll do just fine.

Four doors, not two

The Spark's secret, it seems, involves getting the most room out of the least amount of space. Its upright body offers generous door openings for easy access and plenty of headroom for four adult passengers.

Chevrolet has crafted a neatly designed exterior, highlighted by bulging fenders containing wheels that have been pushed out to each side for the sake of stability and passenger room. And as with the larger Sonic hatchback, the rear door handles have been integrated as part of the window frame, giving the car a two-door appearance, which is all the rage these days.

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▶ The Spark's small-displacement four-cylinder engine won't set any acceleration records, but that's not really the point here, is it?

▶ The rear opening is crowded by the bumper and taillights.

▶ A look at the Spark's interior.

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FORD'S SHARP FOCUS

Ford can't really seem to do anything wrong these days, at least in terms of building quality product. The company always seems to be ahead the curve, too.

Although many automakers have brand news small cars this season, Ford's Fiesta arrived a year beforehand, mostly because the car was already on sale elsewhere in the world.

It's déjà vu all over again for 2012 as the Focus rolls into North America from Europe. Parked alongside the Fiesta, it looks positively aggressive with its wide-open-mouth air intake and more planted stance. But for those who just can't get with the sleek-looking hatchback, the sedan offers a more conservative silhouette. It's also the only style available if you order the price-leader "S" that comes with manual climate control, tilt and telescopic steering wheel and basic four-speaker audio system and 15-inch steel wheels.

The SE sedan and hatchback add Ford's Sync voice-activated communications and entertainment system plus some minor interior/exterior upgrades, while SEL versions improve on the basics with a six-speed automated manual transmission, dual-zone climate control, ambient lighting and 16-inch alloy wheels. The standard 2.0-litre, four-cylinder engine is rated at 160 horsepower and 146 pound-feet of torque, which is 20 more horses and 10 more pound-feet of torque than the 2011 2.0-litre Focus engine. A five-speed manual transmission is standard on all models, while optional is a six-speed dual-clutch automated manual gearbox that conserves fuel by delivering lightning-quick gear changes.

All models arrive with torque vectoring, which is a system that applies light braking pressure to slow down the inside wheel when the car is turning.

In the works is an electric Focus that features a 93-kilowatt (123-horsepower) motor and lithium-ion battery pack. Also in the name of conservation, Ford is offering an optional 2.0-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine in the Edge tall wagon that promises to save money at the gas pumps. *– wheelbasemedia.com*

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LINCOLN LUXURY THAT'S DARING

If you long for the old days of actual vehicle names or at least sequential numbers to help identify the rides built by a given automaker, you will find Lincoln a particularly perplexing place to shop.

Cross the sidewalk and suddenly you are in a world that uses "names" such as MKS (big sedan), MKX (tall wagon), MKZ (mid-size sedan) and MKT (big-and-tall tall wagon).

As you can tell, this is not the Lincoln of old, but a luxury brand that's all about being a little different, even a bit daring. All models stand pat for 2012 with the popular MKX the vehicle most recently updated. Lincoln's sleeker and sexier version of Ford's Edge wagon was face-lifted into corporate anonymity for the 2011 model year when a similar snout from the seven-passenger MKT was grafted on.

On the upside, Ford's premium-division engineers also reduced the noise invading the cabin by using improved acoustic materials, a sound-absorbing headliner, thicker windshield glass and "baked-on" foam baffles in the fenders and door pillars. On-road capability was upgraded with bigger brakes, retuned shock absorbers and stabilizer bars that are designed to produce flatter cornering.

A 305-horsepower, 3.7-litre V6 is the sole engine while a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle controls handles the shifting chores. All-wheel-drive is optional.

Inside, most of the MKX's traditional switchgear — even some gauges from the dashboard and control panel — have moved to the "MyLincoln Touch technology" screen.

This standard system has two programmable 10.7-centimetre (diagonal) touch-screens on either side of the speedometer; and a 20-centimetre unit located in the centre stack. A game-controller-style "smart" button on the steering wheel operates the climate, communications, navigation, infotainment and other vehicle functions in a somewhat intuitively designed fashion.

To help out, MyLincoln has colour-coded touch-sensitive controls of a type currently used in cellular telephones and TV remotes, which should help give it a familiar feel. There are also touch-based slider-type controls for the audio volume and ventilation fan speed. Cabin-temperature settings can also be programmed into the system, according to each of the vehicle's two keyless ignition fobs. For music access, the optional Apple iTunes Tagging feature lets you save up to 100 music selections from the iTunes online store and buy them for your iPod or iPhone or other iDevice.

It's a lot of technology to be sure, but it falls short of the entry-level MKZ in one key area: The MKZ's optional hybrid system that's shared with the similar-platform Ford Fusion. Therefore, the MKZ Hybrid combines a 156-horsepower, 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine with a 106-horsepower electric motor for a net output of 191 horses. The Hybrid combo is mated to a continuously variable transmission and can travel up to 75 km/h on battery power alone and can go up to 1,100 kilometres on a single fill-up.

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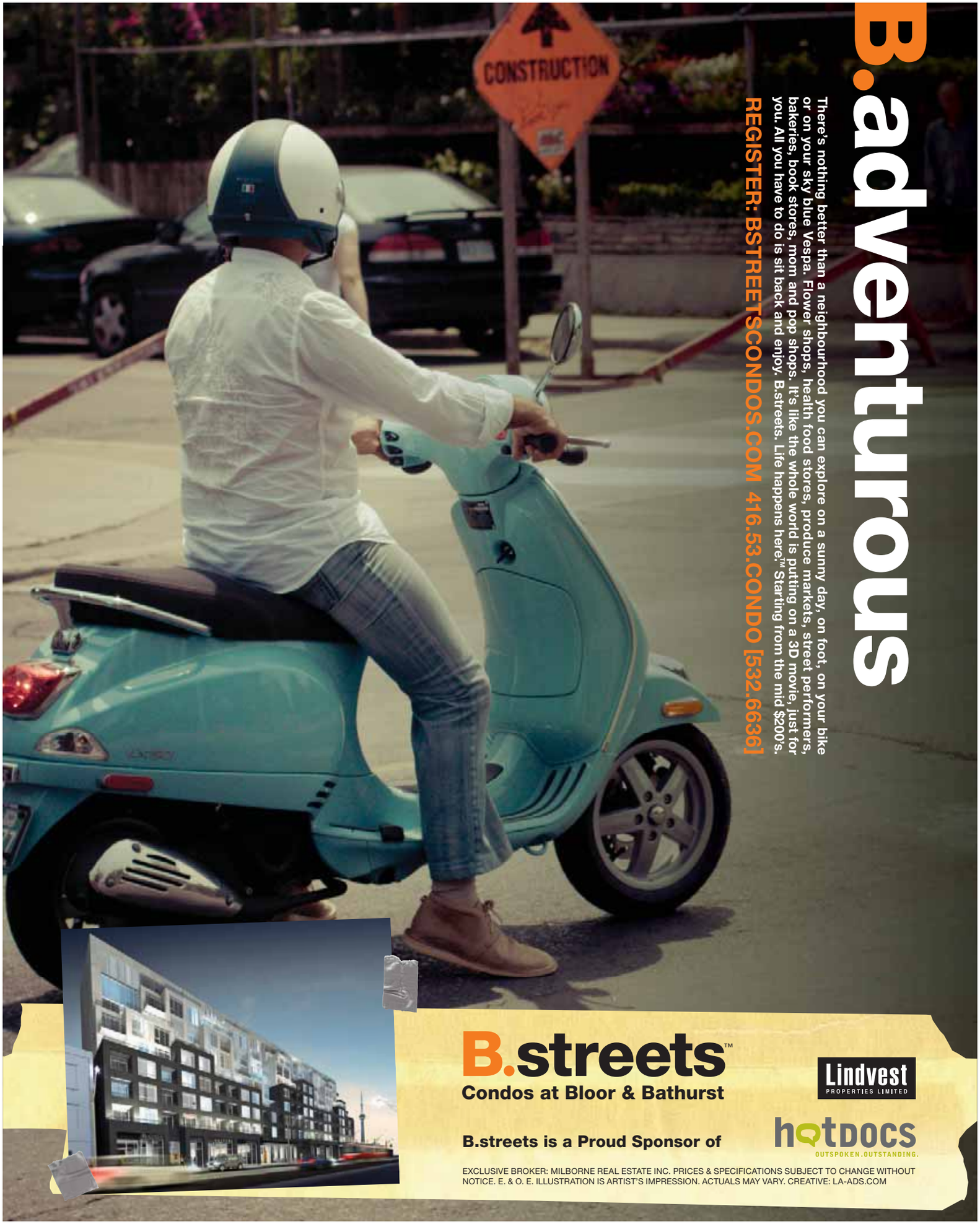

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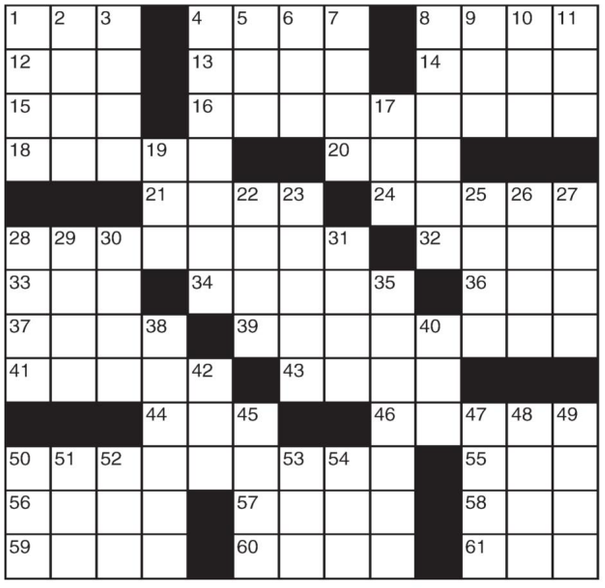

Across

1 Fool
4 Morse morsels
8 Primary
12 — long way
13 Early caucus state
14 Not deceived by
15 "— Town"
16 Vodka container, at times
18 "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1" composer
20 Chow down
21 Agana's island
24 Daisy feature
28 Unlikely success
32 Zilch
33 In olden days
34 Mexican entrees
36 Visibility hindrance
37 Cat call
39 Hatfield-McCoy arsenal
41 Punishment-related
43 Thicke or Alda
44 Marseilles monarch
46 Talk nonstop
50 Y-shaped launcher
55 Kimono closer
56 Aesopian also-ran
57 Amour
58 Bribe
59 Watched
60 "Zounds!"
61 "Certainly"

Down

1 Dumbstruck
2 Tart
3 Delhi dress
4 Repugnance
5 Reaction to fireworks
6 Pair
7 Fill fully
8 Liquefied, as lava
9 Literary collection
10 "Monty Python" opener
11 Ph. bk. data
17 Space
19 Early bird?
22 Discoverers' cries
23 Coffee-chocolate blend
25 Vegan's protein source
26 Unsigned (Abbr.)
27 Stamina, slangily
28 Genie's home
29 S-shaped molding
30 Midday
31 Implement
35 Began
38 Cautioned
40 Wildebeest
42 Journal
45 Capri or Wight
47 Inquisitive
48 Penetrating wind
49 Pinches
50 That girl
51 Deposit
52 Anger
53 Glutton
54 In vitro cells

▶ Yesterday's answer

B	A	J	A	■	D	U	C	E	■	C	A	D
A	G	A	R	■	A	R	A	M	■	A	G	O
M	A	R	C	H	H	A	R	E	■	R	U	E
■	■	■	H	A	L	L	■	R	A	C	E	R
T	Y	P	E	S	■	■	B	A	S	H	■	■
H	O	A	R	■	F	A	I	L	S	A	F	E
O	R	R	■	W	I	R	E	D	■	S	A	D
R	E	C	L	I	N	E	R	■	W	E	R	E
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B	E	E	■	B	A	R	C	H	A	R	T	S
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A	N	T	■	G	E	N	S	■	H	O	O	P

Sudoku

		2				1		
		7	8		4	5		
6				5				3
	2	3	5		8	4	6	
	4	5	9		3	7	2	
2				8				4
		4	2		5	9		
		9				8		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	3	6	4	8	5	2	9	7
2	8	4	1	7	9	5	6	3
9	5	7	2	3	6	8	1	4
4	2	9	5	1	3	6	7	8
8	6	3	7	4	2	9	5	1
5	7	1	6	9	8	3	4	2
7	9	8	3	6	1	4	2	5
6	1	5	8	2	4	7	3	9
3	4	2	9	5	7	1	8	6

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Miggity, i love you ! you make me the happiest little boo in the world. thinking of the future makes me so excited...and i want you there by my side xoxoxo love u forever babeboo **ANONYMOUS**

To Good Morning, You're sweeter than twitter! Your lingu is better than jingu! Your face looks awesome in real life than on facebook. My space wants your space to invade mine. Your metro notes are like subways to my heart! >>>Kiss sent to U from Moi!<<< **GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY! AY!**

Today 4°/0° Variable
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You need to accept that other people won't always see things the same way as you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Your sixth sense tells you that someone is lying. Keep that knowledge to yourself until a time when you can use it to maximum effect.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You will achieve more today if you use persuasion rather than coercion. You don't have to hammer other people into submission.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your imagination could carry you away today and cause you to do something you'll later regret.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Be on your guard over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with work-related issues.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You need to be practical when dealing with money matters and business affairs. If you let wishful thinking affect you, it'll cost.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Today's link between your ruler Venus and Pluto, planet of passion, will get your heart beating faster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
There are so many good things going on that you probably think you can get away with anything. Don't push your luck at work.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you play your cards right over the next few days, you could find yourself moving up in the world.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
It's a good day to persuade someone to back a project that could be beneficial to you. Make sure ideas are supported with solid facts.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Something will happen today that takes you by surprise — and it will be an especially nice surprise.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have doubts about a deal of some kind but those doubts will disappear by the early next week.

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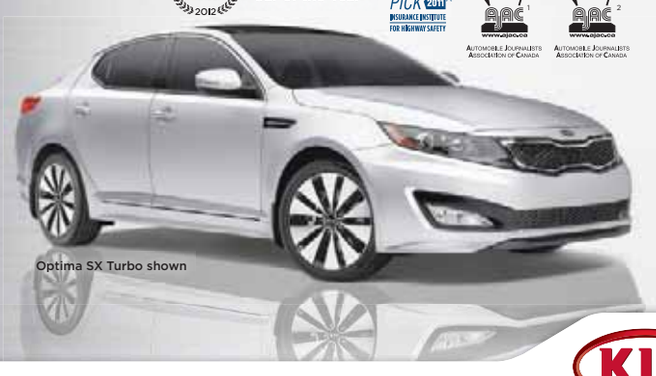

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